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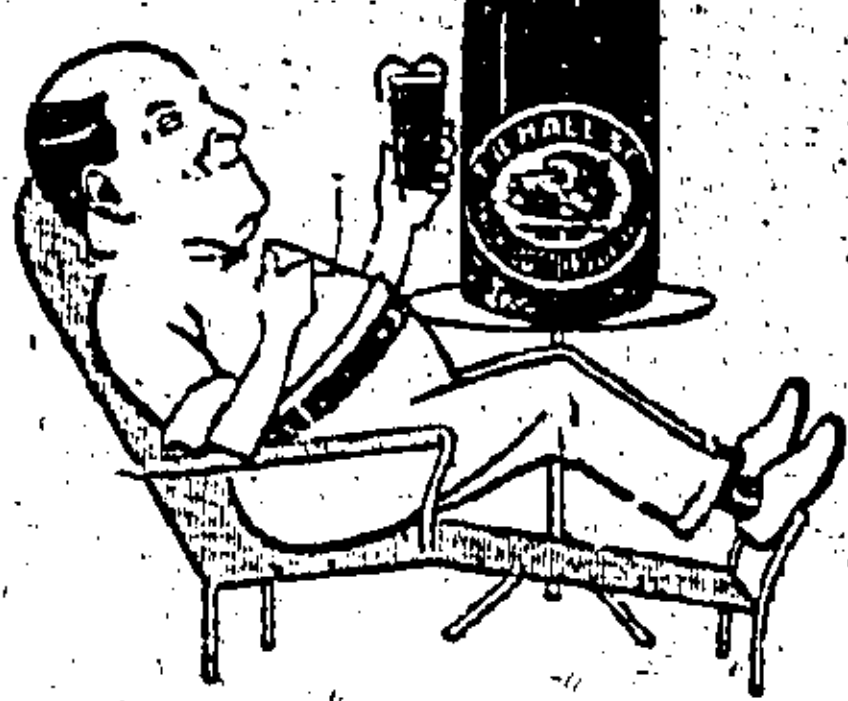
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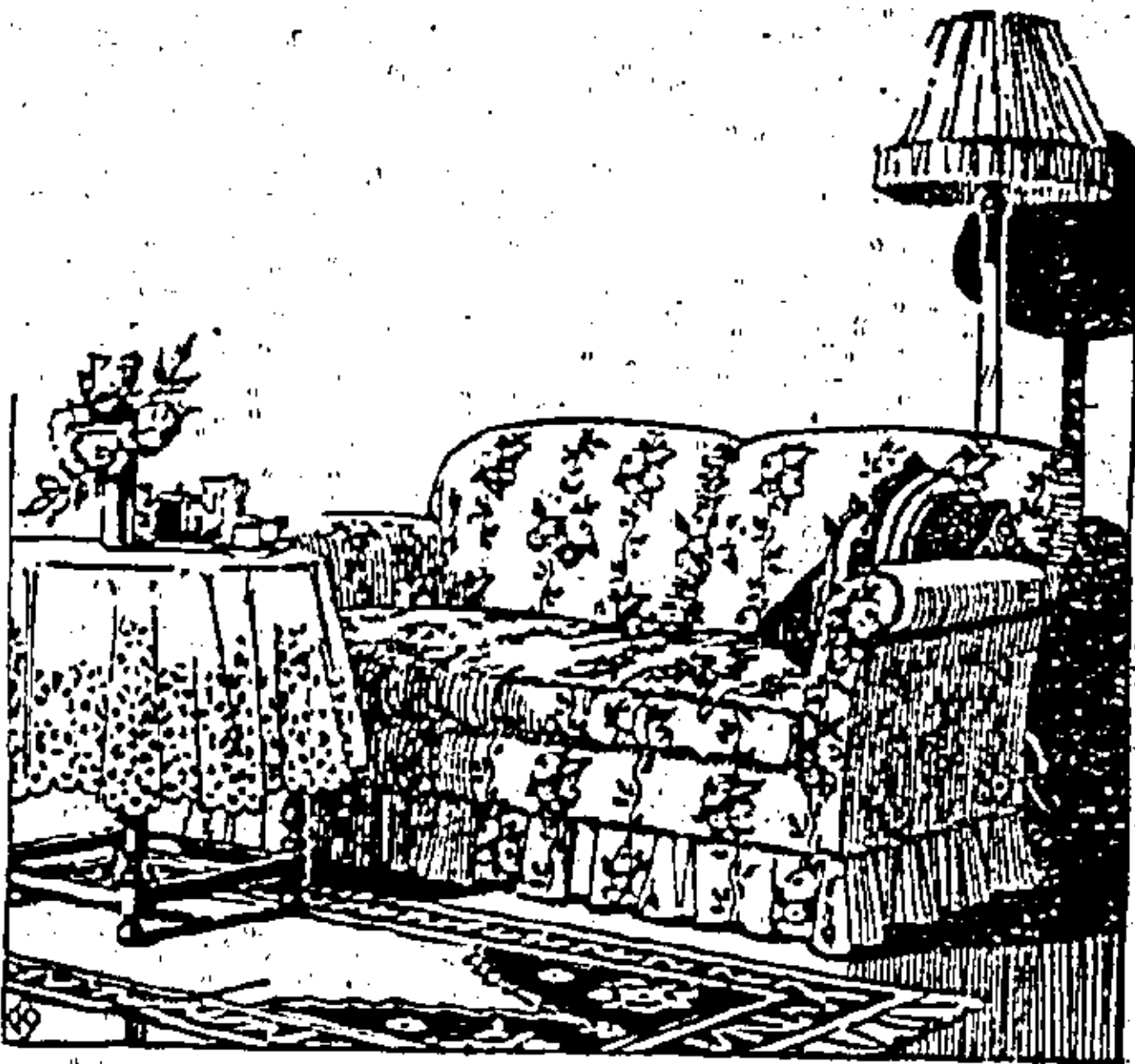
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## SCOTTISH LETTER.

RISE AND FALL OF ROSYTH.  
SINGAPORE AND HONGKONG BASES  
SOCIALISTS DIFFER ABOUT HOUSING.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

EDINBURGH, February 17th.  
Now that the fate of Rosyth has been settled by the Admiralty, it is permissible for a Naval Officer to utter his views on the subject," says Captain D. J. Munro, O.M.G., R.N., who was in charge of Rosyth and afterwards of Cromarty, and he takes full advantage of this liberty to give his views on home naval defence and on our naval bases all over the world. Piquant disclosures are made, some will call them indiscretions. For instance he says that he gathered from an interview he had with Mr. Churchill, First Lord of the Admiralty, in 1911, that "war with Germany could not much longer be delayed, and that every effort should be made to prepare Rosyth for war. Shortly afterwards he informed me that it was almost impossible to get such a move on everyone as would enable the dockyard and defences to be completed in time." Captain Munro repeats that "there was no hope of the dockyard or defences being completed by 1914 or 1915, the period when (in Mr. Churchill's opinion) war would probably break out." He therefore made a suggestion to Mr. Churchill—to let Rosyth take its course, and take in hand the defence and fitting up of the fine natural harbour of Cromarty, and also of Scapa Flow, as naval bases in the coming war. This suggestion, as we know, was adopted, with the result that in March, 1914, a complete system of defences was completed there costing £100,000. The dockyard part was met by earmarking floating docks, cranes, work-shops, etc., to be taken there on the outbreak of war. The result was that Cromarty defences and dockyard met war requirements and grew on a temporary basis until the end of the war, when the whole dockyard silently disappeared, leaving the Firth as it was before the war. Scapa Flow could not be prepared owing to the lack of money. Captain Munro gives it as his opinion that if the Washington Treaty, which limits battleships to 32,000 tons, had not come into force there would have been no question of closing down Rosyth; in fact, in a few years' time it would have undoubtedly been the largest dockyard in the kingdom. But with the advent of the smaller battleship any of the three southern yards could deal with them, and the necessity for Rosyth ceased to exist.

Captain Munro does not confine himself to the story of Rosyth and Cromarty, which is now a matter of history, but takes a long look into the future. In his view the great lesson to be learnt from this disastrous ending to a great undertaking is that the Navy should be very chary of going in for permanent bases, except in special circumstances, such as Malta, Gibraltar, and Aden, which are on trade routes. Other points in the same position are the Cape, Falkland Islands, Trincomalee, Singapore, and Hongkong, all commanding great world routes. Singapore has been for many years a fortified harbour, but with the advent of large capital ships operating in the Pacific it must blossom forth as a naval base, and remain so just as long as the menace of a naval war on a large scale in the seas adjacent is possible. Fixed dockyards such as Rosyth, Captain Munro thinks, are quite unsuitable for such points of changing interest. Naval bases of the description produced at Cromarty during the late war fulfil all temporary requirements, are quickly produced and quickly abandoned, and the same material can be shifted to another site as required. "In my humble opinion," Captain Munro sums up, "the defences of a naval base should consist of movable guns, aeroplanes, and submarines, boats and nets. A good harbour, skill, and energy will supply the rest." Rosyth cost at least £200,000, and then was not ready when the war arrived, and is now ultimately abandoned. £2,000,000 expended in floating appliances to be held ready will meet an emergency anywhere.

**SOCIALISTS DIFFER ABOUT HOUSING.**  
During the past week the differences in the Labour Party have reached a head, and been openly displayed in the House. The Clyde contingent do not trouble to conceal their disrespect for the leadership of Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, and they are bent on acquiring the control of the party. A split cannot long be averted.

The crisis came in the course of the debate on the Government subsidy of £200,000 for the erection of steel houses in Scotland, when the Scottish members quarrelled among themselves and exchanged biting insults. The origin of the trouble is quite simple, is easily explained, and illustrates the truism that firmness always pays. After waiting till the housing question in Scotland had become a scandal and a disgrace, and after proving up to the hilt that the private builders in stone and brick could not undertake the shortage for at least thirty years, the Government resolved to tackle the problem itself, and to employ three firms to construct houses of steel and other unconventional material. Its decision was fiercely challenged by the Labour M.P.s, partly in the supposed interests of the building monopoly, partly because the chief builder of steel houses is Lord Weir, one of those efficient and creative employers whom all wage-earners respect and are glad to serve under, and whom their representatives in Parliament take equal delight in attacking and belittling. But when the matter came to the vote the Labour Party did not dare to propose an official amendment. That would have been too monstrous. With Scotland short of from 100,000 to 150,000 houses, with 400,000 people living in single rooms, with over 13,000 houses in Glasgow alone still inhabited though long ago condemned as unfit for human occupation, even the Labour Party could not venture to oppose the only experiment that promises to make a quick and genuine impression on these appalling conditions. But, they could, and did, abuse Lord Weir. They could and they did, talk a lot about the fair wages clause in the contracts and other points that had already been foreseen and settled. But they shrank as a party from opposing a work of national betterment in order to perpetuate the stranglehold of the building employers and unions upon the construction of all houses of whatever type. The Government found that, having taken a just stand in the national interest, it had only to hold to it for the selfishness of faction to be overcome. As has been said the Socialist Party could not oppose the vote for steel houses. It would have made the divisions in their ranks much too apparent. But the brick and mortar monopoly is safe; when the worst of Glasgow's slums have been abolished it will still be safe. The wise heads in the party knew what a poor figure it would have cut, barring the way out of the wretched tenements in the interests of the comfortable building trade. Twelve hundred houses are now to be erected upon sites already arranged for, and the Government contracts will provide for the payment of the trade union rates of wages applicable to the work. Mr. Rosslyn Mitchell is the only Socialist who has come out of the debate with credit. It will be recalled that he ousted Mr. Asquith out of the representation of Paisley. On all hands it is admitted that not only did he make the best speech on housing, but the best speech of the present session. Mr. Mitchell, in the heroic hunt which has now begun, will be taunted or reproached with having drawn "Tory cheers." They were not Tory, but human cheers. When Mr. Baldwin spoke on the Trade Union Levy Bill last year, he too, was guilty of cheers from the opposite benches. Everyone respected him the more. Mr. Mitchell's outspokenness will be profanity to those whose party is their religion. But backsliding like his, and like Mr. Baldwin's, last spring, does not weaken public life; it strengthens it.

## GIRLS AND THE COCKTAIL HABIT.

The cocktail habit among girls has come under the criticism of reformers on the ground of lawlessness, *alias* womanliness, and innovation. Yet when the grand mothers of to-day paid calls with their mothers eighty years ago and received a twelve o'clock glass of sherry and a piece of cake, it was the large piece of cake that was supposed to be unmaidenly. The ground where criticism is surest is that whereas the cocktail has been used for over two centuries, as a flip to create or tickle appetite, with youth that ought to be utterly unknown. The habit is of hoary antiquity. When Simon Lord Lovat was preparing himself, with remarkable self-possession, for his last appearance on the scaffold—he was careful to give instructions for a cocktail. "But pray," says he, "have you any wine for me in the morning, and some bitters, if I shall want to carry any to the scaffold?" Upon inquiry there were no bitters left in the bottle, and therefore his Lordship gave the warder a shilling to send for a bottle of Stoughton's elixir. When the man was gone the warder recollected that there was some burnt brandy and bitters left in a bottle which his Lordship had with him to Westminster Hall, when on his trial, and informed him of it. "It is very well, very well, sir," says he, "I'll take it with you in your pocket, and give me a sup if I should want it."

## HOW IT IS EXPLAINED.

Bishop Deane, of Aberdeen, has been referring to the dwindling population of the Granite City. "It is not our fault," he says, "it is because the world thinks so much of Aberdeenians. We cannot create a large enough number of natives to meet the enormous demand for them."

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**SITUATION.**  
On February 13th, David Cranston, of 16, Belmont Drive, Giffnock (late of Shanghai), aged 77.

**THE ROAD TO SUCCESS.**  
From the current issue of the Edinburgh University organ, *The Student*:

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But they, while their companions danced.

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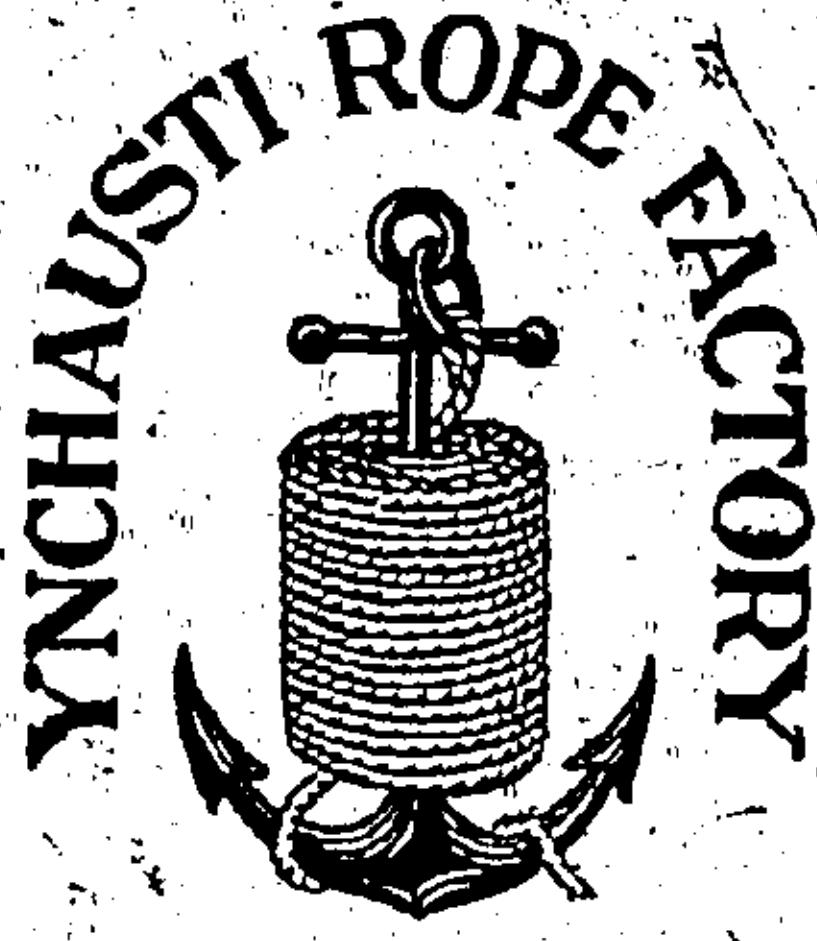
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## COMPANY MEETINGS.

HONGKONG ENGINEERING &  
CONSTRUCTION CO., LTD.DISASTROUS CONTRACTS WITH  
HONGKONG GOVERNMENT.

The fourth ordinary yearly meeting of shareholders of the Hongkong Engineering & Construction Company, Limited, was held in the offices of Messrs. Shewan, Tomes & Co., St. George's Building, Chater Road, yesterday morning at 11 o'clock, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors and a Statement of Accounts for the year ended December 31st, 1925, and of electing Directors and Auditors.

Mr. R. G. Shewan (Chairman and Managing Director) presided, and others present were:—The Very Rev. Father Robert and Mr. J. Scott Harston (Directors), Mr. S. C. Cook, A.S.A.A. (Secretary), and the following shareholders:—Messrs. J. Coulthart, J. P. Braga, A. W. Smith, A. A. Alves and Li Tung.

The Secretary having read the notice convening the meeting and also the Auditors Report,

The Chairman said:—Gentlemen,—You will have seen from the Report and Accounts (which have been in your hands for some days and which, with your permission, I propose to take as read), that the results of our year's working have again been very disappointing.

This deplorable state of affairs is entirely due to the disastrous contracts made with the Hongkong Government, in 1923, under circumstances which I explained at our General Meeting of last year.

In our accounts for 1921 we estimated the loss on Government contracts up to 31st December, 1924, at \$310,000.00 and I said at the last meeting that it was extremely difficult to forecast what the final outcome might be.

During 1925 two of these contracts have been completed, resulting in the loss, shown in the Profit and Loss Account, of \$62,162.93, and two more were practically finished at the year end; but on the fifth, which is the Chatham Road Extension, work had to stop owing to labour troubles. In consequence of the strike with the resultant shortage of labour, and the higher rates we had to pay, I am sorry to say losses on these contracts have still further increased beyond anything we could have anticipated, for in point of time alone all the contracts should have been finished, with the exception of Chatham Road Extension, before the end of 1924.

In the case of one contract, Beacon Hill Catchwater, the exceptionally heavy rainstorm in July last caused a big landslide below Statue Rock which carried away a large section of the completed portion of the catchwater. Under the conditions of our contract we were required to make good all this damage, being paid for the extra work at the original contract rates, but as these were already much too low, we suffered a double loss, as well as loss of time.

By now the losses on these Government Contracts have risen to more than \$650,000, which amount has been provided for in the accounts. In addition to this, we estimate that there will certainly be a further loss of \$100,000 on the Chatham Road Extension if the Government compel us to complete the work at the original contract rates, and this latter sum must be regarded as an item that may have to be charged in the accounts for 1926.

It will therefore be seen that our ultimate total losses on these contracts are estimated at the enormous sum of \$650,000 at the very least.

Our application to the Government for some relief in respect of these tremendous losses is still under consideration, and I cannot say more than that we trust to the Government's sense of justice and fairness to make us substantial compensation for our losses. If, however, such relief be not forthcoming we shall have to reconsider our position as regards the Chatham Road Extension contract and the further losses it will entail.

From our books, which are open to the Government's inspection, it can easily be seen that the Government will obtain these Waterworks and Roads at over half a million dollars less than their actual cost and we cannot believe that a British Government would take advantage of their contractors to such an extent as that.

On the other hand we have, I am pleased to say, made fair profits in other directions, \$119,068 in 1924 and \$162,500 in 1925, so that on striking a balance at 31st December last, our loss is reduced to some \$330,000. It is entirely due to these profits that sufficient working capital has remained to keep the business going.

Apart from these Government Contracts, our business has been sound, for our profit from other work last year is equivalent to some 18% on our capital which would have enabled us to pay a moderate dividend, but all has been swallowed up by the Government Contracts.

In connection with our department for foundations by the Franki Piling Process (which process continues to give complete satisfaction everywhere), we have done a fair turnover with satisfactory profits. We are now making arrangements to introduce this system of foundation piling to Architects and Engineers in Shanghai, where, owing to the difficult nature of the sub-soil, we consider there should be a much greater field for Franki Piling than in Hongkong.

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I hope I have now made the present situation clear to you, but, if not, I shall be pleased to give you any further information you may desire.

I now propose that the Report and Accounts, as presented, be adopted, and when this has been seconded I shall be pleased to answer to the best of my ability any questions thereon, that shareholders may wish to put.

The Very Rev. Father Robert seconded and the report and accounts were adopted.

## OTHER BUSINESS.

On the proposition of Mr. J. Coulthart, seconded by Mr. A. W. Smith, Mr. J. Scott Harston and the Very Rev. Father Robert were re-elected as directors.

Mr. J. P. Braga proposed and Mr. Li Tung seconded, that Messrs. Lowe, Ringham & Matthews be re-elected as Auditors at a fee of \$800 and this was agreed to.

The Chairman: That is all the business of the meeting, gentlemen, and I am very much obliged to you for your attendance.

## LANGKAT COMPANY.

RUBBER ESTATE SHOWS PROFIT  
OF OVER FIVE LAKES.

The annual general meeting of the shareholders in the Maatschappij tot Mijnbouw en Landbouw exploitatie in Langkat was held at Shanghai last week at the offices of Messrs. George McBain, Mr. R. S. F. McBain presiding.

In his speech, the Chairman said: In the general balance sheet under the heading of liabilities you will notice an appropriation of Tls. 14,901.63 from reserve against sundry assets. This amount represents the loss incurred on realization of part of the stores lying in Sumatra, and it was to provide for such losses that this reserve was formed.

Under Assets the value of our rubber plantations stands at Tls. 1,139,605.53, as against Tls. 1,040,550.08 last year. This is chiefly owing to rubber in stock and in transit at the end of the financial year valued at Tls. 136,345.15, as against Tls. 50,635.52 on October 13th, 1924.

Timber assets increased from Tls. 203,630.91 to Tls. 308,250.19. This increase is accounted for by purchases of land and machinery for our timber yard in Shanghai, and also increased stock of timber.

## A NOTABLE PROFIT.

Turning to the general profit and loss account during the past year we have converted the debit balance of Tls. 93,572.51 into a credit balance of Tls. 533,545.26 or, in other words, we have made a profit on the year's working of Tls. 429,117.77 after providing for depreciation as customary, and making a reserve of Tls. 55,000 for income tax. This result, which I think may be considered satisfactory, is due to our rubber estate having had a very successful year showing a profit of Tls. 514,162.56.

The result of the year's working in our timber business was disappointing, but of course last year was a difficult one for practically all industrial concerns in Shanghai. For more than four months our business was practically at a standstill. In addition to this, owing to the strike, our big floor cutting machine was carried on to Hongkong, with the result that it was not installed until nearly the end of our financial year. Our overhead charges would have been much the same if our sales had been considerably more. The sales amounted to only Tls. 36,506.10 for the year, whilst for the first four months of the present financial year the business actually closed has considerably exceeded the above-mentioned figure, and our manager is of the opinion that the business is now on a sound commercial basis.

With regard to oil we have not any definite information as to prospects. The depth of the well when we last received information from the R.P.M. was 9,244 ft. but they intend to go deeper than we did and I believe they do not expect any oil until a depth of about 9,000 ft. is reached. Two more locations for drilling are under preparation, which I think points to the fact that they are not unhelpful of finding oil eventually. A geological examination of another one of the concessions is also contemplated, and is expected to be started in a short time.

The estimate for the year was slightly exceeded. As you will remember from the circular, which was sent out in the middle of August last, we are now selling to the General Rubber Company of New York the whole of our production in latex form and we think that the arrangement will be quite satisfactory. During the year 300 acres of rubber have been brought into bearing and our visiting agent also reports very satisfactory progress on the rubber extensions. He says that the foliage of the trees on the Estate and their general appearance is better than he can ever remember. The tapping has been consistently good and no undue liberties have been taken with the trees. The additional areas that are being developed constitute a safeguard for the future and the fact that we have a perfected organization means that the areas will be brought to the bearing stage very economically, and he thinks prospects are most promising.

The question of the commission payable to the manager and staff on the rubber profits has caused some anxiety of late, as your directors feel that you will regard the amount as excessive. I wish to point out, however, that we are paying at the same rate as all the other companies in Sumatra. This high rate was agreed upon when times were bad and I suppose it was not then anticipated that such large sums might become payable.

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ASSETS.  
Cash on hand and in banks \$2,520,774.91  
Bullion on hand and in transit 1,589,726.94  
Due from foreign banks 3,165,789.41  
Items in transit 853,775.10  
Loans and discounts 3,976,985.91  
Other assets 611,738.10  
Customers' liability on acceptances (less anti-cipations) 4,255,987.67  
\$14,878,685.34

LIABILITIES.  
Capital \$5,000,000.00  
Surplus 500,000.00  
Undivided profits 527,239.94  
Dividend payable January 13th, 1926 40,000.00  
Reserves for taxes, etc. 35,234.13  
Unearned discount 7,415.67  
Deposits 2,859,832.61  
Due to foreign banks 3,555,140.97  
Other liabilities 622,901.08  
Acceptances (less in portfolio) 4,730,981.04  
\$14,878,685.34

## INSECT BITE DEATH.

SEAMAN'S EMPLOYERS HELD  
RESPONSIBLE.

That the British and Colonial Steamship Company were liable in the case of a seaman who died from the bite of mosquitoes was held by Judge Leigh at the Manchester County Court last month, when he awarded Nora Robinson, the widow of the victim, £234.

It was stated that Robinson was bitten while the ship was moored at Ghent, and he died after the vessel had arrived in the Manchester Ship Canal, a fortnight afterwards.

A stay of execution pending appeal was granted.

## SHANGHAI RUBBER DIVIDENDS.

Messrs. Benjamin & Potts inform us that their Shanghai office has cabled the following final dividends:—  
Butes 15 cents, making 25 cents for the year.  
Dominions 40 cents, making 83 cents for the year.  
Tapiings 10 cents, making 20 cents for the year.  
Rephe's final dividend of 10 cents, making 25 cents for the year.

I think you will probably agree with me that there was something extra due to those who have worked hard on rubber estates and earned little more than a very modest salary, and if steps are taken to put a limit on their earnings in the future, shareholders will have no cause for complaint. It is my opinion that something of this sort must be done as it is only natural that shareholders in other Companies will feel the same way about the matter as we do.

## HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE.

## CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

March 24th, 1926.	
Hongkong Bank	\$1,055 nom.
Do. London	\$125 nom.
Chartered Bank	\$214 nom.
Mercantile Bank, A. & B.	\$230 buy.
Do.	\$232 buy.
P. & O. Bank	\$231 nom.
East Asia Bank	\$179 buy.
Canton Insurance	\$320 buy.
China Underwriters	\$114 nom.
North China Insurance	\$145 nom.
Union Insurance	\$235 nom.
Yangtze Insurance	\$244 nom.
China Fire Insurance	\$136 buy.
Hongkong Fire Insurance	\$570 buy.
Douglases	\$23 buy.
H.K. & C. Steamboats	\$24 buy.
Hongkong Trams	\$40 nom.
Indo-China (Prof.)	\$24 nom.
Do. (Det.)	\$35 nom.
Shell Transport	\$8/6 buy.
Star Furness	\$63 sel.
Waterboats	\$15 nom.
Oriental Navigations	\$250 sel.
China Sugars	\$27 sel.
Malakoff Sugars	\$39 nom.
Keppel Mining Ad.	\$180 nom.
Langkats (combined)	\$2/6 buy.
Do. (single)	\$1/4 buy.
Shanghai Explorations	\$1/4 buy.
Shanghai Loans	\$1/4 nom.
Reubs	\$5 buy.
Tramway Mines	\$1/4 buy.
Ural Caspian	\$/ nom.
H.K. & C. Wharfs	\$197 1/2 buy, 180 sel., 128 ss.
H.K. & W. Docks	\$62 nom.
Hongkong	\$180 buy.
New Engineering	\$180 buy.
Shanghai Docks	\$180 buy.
H.K. & S. Hotels	\$8/6 buy, & ss.
Hongkong Lands	\$8/6 buy.
Hongkong Realty (ap.)	\$4/6 buy.
H.K. Territorial (ap.)	\$4/6 sel.
Empireway Estates	\$144 buy.
Fraser's Buildings	\$100 nom.
Swal Lands	
Two Corners	\$180 nom.
Oriental	\$180 nom.
Shanghai Cottons (old)	\$180 nom.
Do. (new)	\$180 nom.
Amusements	\$180 nom.
Canton Ties	\$180 nom.
Cements (combined)	\$180 nom.
Do. (old)	\$180 nom.
Do. (new)	\$180 nom.
China Bonds	\$180 nom.
China Lights (combined)	\$180 nom.
Do. (old)	\$180 nom.
Do. (new)	\$180 nom.
China Providents	\$180 nom.
Constructions	\$180 nom.
Dairy Farms	\$180 nom.
Der A. Wing (P.)	\$180 nom.
Mass Electric	\$180 nom.
H.K. Developments	\$180 nom.
H.K. Ropes (combined)	\$180 nom.
Do. (old)	\$180 nom.
Do. (new)	\$180 nom.
Hongkong Telephones	\$180 nom.
Hongkong Tramways	\$180 nom.
Lane Overseas	\$180 nom.
MacIntoshes	\$180 nom.
Peak Trams (old)	\$180 nom.
Do. (new)	\$180 nom.
Sinceres	\$180 nom.
Taxis	\$180 nom.
United Assurance	\$180 nom.
Watsons (old)	\$180 nom.
Do. (new)	\$180 nom.
Wm. Powell	\$180 nom.
Singapore Tractions	\$180 nom.
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### A GLANCE BACKWARD. REVIEW OF THE BOYCOTT MOVEMENT.

#### CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ANNUAL REPORT.

We have now received from the Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce a copy of the annual report for 1925 from which we have been giving advance extracts for some days.

The Report is a handsomely produced volume, illustrated by a number of fine photographs of the Harbour and the Colony's principal buildings, which are introduced, it is explained, in order to convey a full impression of the Colony to Members of Parliament and Editors of leading newspapers amongst whom it is proposed this year to circulate copies of this record of the Colony's commercial activities.

The principal feature of this year's report is an account of "The Canton and Swatow Boycott of Hong Kong," British Shipping and British Trade." The Report sketches briefly and cogently the main elements in the Chinese situation, namely, the founding of Treaty Ports, the growth of the "student movement," the anomalous political condition of the country and the problems arising from the state of civil war in which China has been plunged for so many years. It shows the connection between the student movement and the Shanghai labour disputes which culminated in the incident of May 30th, and traces the spread of the "campaign of hate through the coast ports" to Canton.

#### HIGHER COSTS.

The serious effects of the boycott upon shipping and commerce and especially the silk trade are discussed in some detail and an account is given of the "unprecedented and onerous conditions of trade by devious routes which now hamper commerce."

"The poorer classes in Canton," says the report, are subject to heavy increases in the cost of everything imported, owing to the extra charges which these roundabout methods of trade involve. The Chinese Economic Bulletin, a Shanghai publication, estimates that the price of flour is 45 per cent. above the normal in Canton, owing to the boycott, and the prices of foreign goods—textiles, metals, paper, canned goods, and perfumery—are between 100 per cent. and 200 per cent. above normal for the same reason. Canton merchants also suffer heavily from the restrictions imposed upon the export trade, for which Hong Kong is the natural transshipment port.

The Chamber's summing-up of the position will be read with interest. "In countries where ordinary methods of government prevail and the liberty of the subject is not allowed to degenerate into licence," remarks the Report, "boycott pickets operating on the lines of those in Canton and Swatow would not be permitted to continue their activities for a single day. If such a condition of affairs arose at the gates of London Docks it would be effectively and conclusively dealt with by the Police in a few minutes." (An illustration of this undue liberty of the subject is the fact that the boycott pickets have actually been permitted by the government authorities in Canton to arm themselves and to set up—quite apart from the local judicial system—their own tribunal and prison, in which many Chinese and not a few foreigners have received ignominious and even brutal treatment.)

To those without local knowledge of the circumstances, it must be very difficult to understand how the extraordinary situation has arisen, and can persist, that a handful of agitators are able to defy both their own countrymen and the British Empire (though a similar situation has arisen in Russia since the Revolution). In this matter those vitally interested are the victims of a diplomatic conventionality. The Central Chinese Government in Peking, to which the Powers direct all their diplomatic representations, admittedly has no control whatsoever over the "Nationalist" Government in Canton, and the Canton Government is either unable or unwilling to suppress the boycott pickets. Britain, also, does not recognise the Canton Government and is reluctant to press matters to a conclusion with the Central Authorities in Peking, being unwilling that the mischievous activities of a small faction should endanger the friendly relations so long maintained between Britain and China, or to use the might of Britain against a militarily defenceless people. As a British Crown Colony, and not a Sovereign State, Hong Kong—though vitally affected, and most unfairly attacked—has no power to act in her own defence. That, in brief, is the impasse which has been reached.

#### TRIBUTE TO HONGKONG GOVERNMENT.

"No sufficiently high tribute can be paid by this Chamber to the manner in which the late Governor, Sir Edward Stubbs, K.C.M.G., and the present Governor, Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G., have devoted themselves to the repeatedly changing needs of the situation and the protection of British interests. The Committee of the Chamber has used every possible means to bring the facts to the knowledge of the Authorities and the public at Home, and, in continuous and close co-operation with the Hong Kong Government, to seek a solution in any direction in which a way out seemed to be indicated. Although the workers had no grievances but were withdrawn from Hong Kong for political reasons, 'extraneous' demands have nevertheless been presented, and endeavours have been made to find in these some common ground on which compromise could be reached and the removal of the boycott secured. These efforts have so far been unavailing, and the first check which the boycott pickets have received came on Monday, February 22nd, 1926, from the Chinese Maritime Customs, which on that date closed the Port of Canton as a measure of defence of the Chinese Customs revenues, endangered when the pickets

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### RATIONALIST ASSOCIATION. ANNUAL MEETING HELD YESTERDAY.

The annual meeting of the Hong Kong branch of the Rationalist Press Association was held yesterday, when Dr. W. W. Pearce presided.

The annual report which was read by the Secretary, Mr. R. A. D. Forrest, was as follows:

#### MEMBERSHIP.

For the year-1925 there were on the books of the local branch the names of 49 members. Of these 1 has so far failed to renew his subscription for the current year and 3 have left the district. As against this the new members who have so far joined for the year 1926 total 36, so that we have the net result of 31 members in the local branch, an increase of 32, or just over 65 per cent. as compared with last year. It is not impossible that this figure will be further increased in the course of the year.

The fact that our local branch has lost the services of those who have removed from the district is the less to be regretted when we consider that our loss is the gain of another local branch. It is to be hoped that members removing from our district to places where there is as yet no Local Secretary will seriously consider the opportunity thereby presented to them of further strengthening the Rationalist movement by themselves undertaking the duties of Secretary wherever the circumstances permit.

#### FINANCE.

"After deducting the sums paid for stationery and other incidental expenses, there remains the sum of \$9.99 to be carried forward to a new account. Part if not the whole of this amount is earmarked as payment of an account for advertisement, which account is not yet to hand."

#### LIBRARY.

The thanks of the Association are due to those whose guarantees of the necessary funds have enabled us to proceed with the scheme for the formation of a permanent library. If I may single out for special mention any one name it would be that of Mr. W. L. McCarthy, whose generous gift of books has given the library a good start on its way to become a really representative collection of works on all shades of religious opinion. Our thanks are also due to the local lodge of the Theosophical Society for a similar gift of books.

The question of housing these books already collected has presented some unforeseen difficulties, and it will be seen that the discussion of this question is one of the items on the agenda of this meeting.

In general conclusion, we may congratulate ourselves on a very successful year's work. This should however be no reason for resting on our oars, but rather encouragement for further efforts during the years to come.

#### OFFICIALS.

Mr. A. G. McClay was elected president; Dr. C. Y. Wang, vice-president; Mr. R. A. D. Forrest was re-elected secretary; Mr. C. J. Tacchi, treasurer; and Mr. Zimmern, assistant secretary. Mr. G. F. Grose, Mr. Li, Dr. A. G. M. Severn and Dr. C. C. Wang were elected to serve on the Committee.

The question of housing the library was discussed, but no definite decision was come to.

It was resolved that anyone who paid \$5 or over to the library fund could have the use of books without further payment whilst they resided in the Colony. The annual subscription was stated to be \$1.

It was decided that the incoming committee should arrange for a series of periodical meetings for the discussion of subjects relative to Rationalism.

Mr. Smith, on behalf of the members present, wished Dr. Pearce, who is shortly going on home leave, a pleasant holiday, and said that they would eagerly look forward to his return. Dr. Pearce returned thanks.

over-reached themselves—as they have done on several recent occasions—by taking charge of cargo before it had passed through the Customs. (On the return of the cargo for Customs examination the Port was reopened.)

#### POSSIBILITIES OF SETTLEMENT.

"It is inconceivable that the Cantonese, with their special aptitude for commerce, will much longer endure the extortions and interference of the boycott agitators which have resulted in heavy losses to their compatriots both in South China and Hong Kong, made life more difficult for the toiling masses of the country and wantonly damaged the commercial interests of Canton and Hong Kong. Until Canton once more secures control within her own borders Hong Kong is bound to experience greatly restricted business activity, but the fact that normal life has continued for so many months, in spite of the boycott, appears to prove that her commerce with parts of the world other than South China is sufficient to maintain the Colony indefinitely. The abolition of the Statistical Department (referred to elsewhere in the Report) makes it impossible to quote actual figures to demonstrate this. British shipping and trade have of course suffered, but South China, after all, is only one of many outlets for British commerce. The British Government has steadfastly adhered to a conciliatory policy, and Hong Kong trusts that this will ultimately lead to a lasting settlement."

The facts of the boycott are of course well known to Hong Kong residents and the Chamber of Commerce Report does not pretend to give us any "inside history." It is a plain, unvarnished narrative of the chief incidents since June last and explains, as well as can be explained within a reasonably small compass, the difficulties with which British merchants trading with China now have to contend. It is a work of reference which we imagine will be welcomed by all of those interested in Far Eastern commerce and as such it should serve an exceedingly useful purpose.

### THE BRITISH LEGION.

#### ANNUAL MEETING OF HONGKONG AND CHINA BRANCH.

The fifth annual general meeting of the Hongkong and China Branch of the British Legion was held in the Board Room of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., yesterday evening, Mr. G. K. Hall Brutton presiding.

#### THE REPORT.

The report of the General Committee together with a balance sheet and statement of accounts was submitted to the meeting, the report reading as under:—

The Committee to be appointed at the Meeting will consist of the officers and at least seven other members. Under the Branch rules every member of the present Committee not re-elected shall retire.

The Committee request that members will send in nominations (signed by two members) to the Hon. Secretary, or be prepared at the Meeting with names they wish put to the meeting.

Owing to the disturbed conditions prevailing the Legion have been called upon to assist a large number of distressed ex-servicemen and their families during the year, and the amount of \$2,403 has been expended in relief work.

Our Funds have been maintained by the annual interest from Sir Paul Chater's Fund and to this gentleman we extend our appreciation of his generous gift. We also received donations from the Hongkong Jockey Club and we thank them for their support. Subscriptions amount to \$475, which shows a falling off from previous years. The membership is regretted keeps gradually dwindling owing chiefly to members being transferred to other Ports and if the Legion is to keep its position in the Colony, strong efforts must be made to enrol new members. This question should be discussed fully by the incoming Committee.

It is with regret we have to record the death of Mr. C. H. Lyson one of our members and the deepest sympathy is extended to his dependants and relations. The Poppy Day Drive again proved a great success despite the "Boycott" and over \$11,000 was collected. We thank Mr. J. A. Gordon Leask and his Sub-Committee for producing such excellent results.

#### OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE.

The election of officers and other members of the committee for the ensuing year took place as under:—President, Mr. G. K. Hall Brutton; Chairman, Mr. A. Murdoch; Committee—Messrs. F. C. Hall, A. Piercy, E. Stuart-Taylor, G. H. Sewell, the Rev. G. T. Waldegrave and Mrs. V. Bond; Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, Mr. R. E. Cable; Hon. Auditor, Mr. A. Ritchie.

### THE TRAMWAY SERVICE.

#### IMPROVED TYPE OF CAR.

At the annual meeting of shareholders of the Hongkong Tramways, Ltd., a few weeks ago, the Chairman (Mr. Bernard) mentioned that six new cars were to be put into service shortly. Yesterday representatives of the local Press were invited to inspect one of these cars and to take a short trip in it with Mr. L. C. F. Bellamy (General Manager) and Mr. A. K. Henderson (Assistant General Manager).

Many improvements have been introduced in the construction of the new cars. They have a new type of truck—known as the Peckham "Pendulum" truck—with 5ft. 6in. wheel-base, which is thirty per cent. longer than the wheel base of the old cars. A swing-axle device fitted to the truck relieves the car from side shocks.

In its general appearance the new car is like those which have been put into service during the past twelve months, having vestibule top covers, affording complete protection in cold and wet weather. There are no first-class seats downstairs. The lower saloon has been extended, adding eight additional third-class seats. The upper saloon, which is completely enclosed, has a new type of seat fitted with shaped back rests supported on spring steel. The staircase has been widened and the angle made easier. The lighting also is improved by one extra light over the first-class entrance and two extra lights in the upper saloon. In both the lower and upper saloons, the clear height is only about 5ft. 3in. This seems small, but one result is that the centre of gravity is lower than on any other double deck top-covered car in existence.

Two modern ventilated motors of 35 h.p. are on each car, fitted with the latest type of controller which enables the motorman to cut out a defective motor without opening the controller cover.

The new car runs very smoothly and in all respects is an improvement on any other type of car in the company's service.

#### OPIUM SEIZURE.

#### DRUG HIDDEN IN FALSE BOTTOM OF PACKING CASE.

Three men were charged at the Central Magistracy yesterday with the unlawful possession of 190 taels of opium, which Chief Revenue Officer Watt stated was discovered in the false bottom of a packing case, inside a safe, and in the kitchen of a house at Lai-chikok Road.

The case was adjourned until Monday, bail for the first two men being fixed at \$10,000, and \$2,000 for the other man.

In another case a quantity of opium in small tins was found inside three tins of preserved ginger. It was the rattling of the tins on inspection by a searcher that led to the discovery and seizure of the drug.

The man in whose possession the tins were found was fined \$1,000 or six months' hard labour in default.

### A DOUBLE MURDER.

#### FISHERMEN FOUND SHOT AT MIRS BAY.

A double murder committed during Tuesday night or the early hours of yesterday morning, was brought to light by the gruesome discovery yesterday at Im Tan, near Wu Shek Pok village, Sha Tau Kok district, of the dead bodies of two fishermen, who had been shot and either thrown into the sea at Mirs Bay, or left on the foreshore.

It appears that the victims of this brutal crime were the master and *joki* of a fishing boat, who were aged 30 and 20 years, respectively, and who apart from being fishermen were also fish buyers.

The bodies of these men were retrieved from the sea on the foreshore near Wu Shek Pok village, and it was evident from their condition that they had received rough handling; while it would also seem that they had resisted their assailants, whose motive for the attack was robbery.

Both the men had their hands and ankles bound with rope which had been cut from a sail, and one had been shot through the head; while his companion had been shot through the head and chest.

The boat was found drifting not far from the shore in the neighbourhood of Mirs Bay, and on examination it was found that it had been thoroughly ransacked and everything of value taken. The murdered men also appeared to have been robbed of any personal possessions they might have had on them.

No particulars as to the circumstances attending the outrage are yet available, and no further details regarding the crime can be obtained until the police, who have the matter in hand, have made further investigations.

The robbers are unknown, and apparently, from what details were available up to last night, no one was near when the crime took place, so that it can only be surmised, from the information available, what really happened and under what circumstances the men met their deaths. It seems apparent, however, that the robbers met with resistance, and disposed of their victims in the cold-blooded manner indicated. When found, the bodies were on the shore, and were being washed by the sea. Whether the fishing boat was on the shore when the robbers made their visit, and was subsequently cast adrift, as seems probable, is not known.

### ARMED ROBBERY AND WOUNDING.

#### MAN AND WOMAN STABBED AFTER RESISTING ROBBERS.

Police reports yesterday contained two attacks by armed robbers, in both of which the victims were wounded.

A Chinese woman at West Point was robbed and then stabbed in the neck because she struggled with her assailant; while in the second case a Chinese man at Chai Wan village, near Shaikwan, shouted for help when attacked by three armed men and was stabbed in the back, but the timely intervention of the man's nephew caused the robbers to bolt without being any the richer for their visit.

In the West Point case, it appears that the woman, residing at No. 514, Queen's Road West, was descending the stairs of No. 516, Queen's Road West, at 11.30 on Tuesday night when she was suddenly accosted by a man armed with a knife. He told her not to make a noise and took her on to the first floor of No. 514, which was unoccupied. There he stole from her a watch, finger ring and a pair of gold ear-rings, valued at \$120.

As the man was leaving the room the woman struggled with him, and he then turned around and stabbed her in the face and neck. Fortunately, the wounds were not serious, but the robber made good his escape. The woman was taken to hospital for treatment.

#### FOR REVENGE.

At Chai Wan village, three men, armed with knives, attempted to commit a robbery at a matchbox occupied by a Chinese man. They tried to tie his hands with a piece of wire, whereupon their victim called out "Save life." One of the robbers then stabbed him in the back with a knife saying "We have come here for revenge." The man's nephew, who lived in a matchbox opposite, appeared armed with a stick with which he so successfully belaboured the intruders that they promptly took to their heels and bolted, stealing nothing.

The wounded man was taken to the Government Civil Hospital for treatment.

#### WEATHER REPORT.

Last night's weather report, forecast and remarks stated:—The anti-cyclone appears to be merging into another forming over S.E. Mongolia. Moderate monsoon may be expected along the S.E. coast of China and over the China Sea. Local forecast: N.E. winds, moderate, cloudy.



## COL. HAYLEY BELL AND THE STRIKE PICKETS. AN ATTEMPT TO SNATCH CUSTOMS PAPERS. AND THE RESULT.

A correspondent in Canton, writing under the date of March 23rd, says that the British and French Consuls were asked by the Chinese Chamber of Commerce to issue passes to Chinese to enable them to remove their cargo from Shamen.

The Consuls replied that such passes could not be issued until the pickets, illegally stationed at the Shamen gates, had been removed. Following this the number of pickets was increased and for the past three days they have been more actual than ever, rigorously searching all foreigners who wished to enter Shamen.

On Saturday Lieut.-Colonel Hayley Bell, the Commissioner of Customs at Canton, was about to enter the French gate, carrying some office papers when, without warning or notice of any sort, a picket tried to snatch them away from him in order, presumably, to inspect them. Col. Hayley-Bell seized the papers again but whilst he was doing it another picket struck him on the back. This was more than the Commissioner of Customs could stand and he very naturally saw "Red."

Turning upon the picket he administered a vigorous kick, but, unfortunately, our correspondent does not state definitely upon what part of the picket's anatomy the kick descended. Anyhow, the picket decided that it was extremely unpleasant. He turned and fled and was chased for some distance along the road. The picket's fleetness of foot, however, prevented the irate Commissioner from getting any more football practice.

### INDIAN MERCHANTS ILL-TREATED.

On Monday, two Indian merchants, both of them associated with well-known British Indian firms, were taking small parcels of silk in their hands to Shamen when they were stopped by pickets near the British gate. The parcels were snatched away from them and the merchants were taken to the pickets' headquarters and thrust into a filthy den where they were kept the whole of the night in company with a number of wretched Chinese prisoners.

The following morning H.B.M.'s Vice-Consul, with Captain Clements, went to the Foreign Office to lodge a protest. The Foreign Office referred the matter to the City Police Commissioner who went to the pickets' headquarters and had the two Indians released in the afternoon.

### LORD WILLINGTON.

Our correspondent, in conclusion, refers to Lord Willington's statement that he had failed to notice any sign of anti-foreign feeling in China, and suggests that Willington and his fellow delegates should go to Canton unannounced and endeavour to enter the Shamen gates carrying a few small packets of paper. The suggestion is that there would be interesting developments and that Lord Willington would very quickly and decidedly change the views he now apparently holds regarding the China situation.

## THE KUOMINTANG OIL MONOPOLY. SUB-LETTING INVOLVING MORE "SQUEEZE."

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

Taking advantage of the waning power of the Strike Committee in Canton, the Kuomintang Ministry of Finance has asked for the surrender of the 2,950 cases of kerosene oil recently seized by boycott pickets as "imperialist" or British goods. Before the consignment arrived, some members of the Kuomintang had received \$8,000 for facilitating its entrance, but the pickets refused to recognise the deal and confiscated the cargo which, according to Kuomintang monopoly prices, was worth nearly \$35,000.

The Kuomintang Oil Monopoly Bureau has sub-let its fuel oil exclusive privilege to a newly-formed syndicate, the Tai Ming Company, in consideration of the payment of \$100 a ton. The syndicate has guaranteed to turn in at least \$50,000 a month from its revenue on fuel oil alone.

## CHIANG'S COUP AT CANTON. STRIKE LEADERS ARRESTED AND FOUR RUSSIANS SHOT.

Information has reached us that when General Chiang Kai Shek's troops surrounded the Strikers' Headquarters at Canton a few days ago, the two leading members of the strikers' organisation were placed under arrest.

The fact that the strike pickets at these headquarters were dismissed by the troops has already been reported. We understand that the troops collected about several thousand rifles.

It further stated that upwards of 30 Russians were arrested, that four have been summarily shot and that ten or a dozen are still in custody.

### ARREST OF "SUSPECTS."

A KUOMINTANG ANNOUNCEMENT.  
[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

Referring to the coup d'état on March 20th in Canton, of General Chiang Kai Shek, dictator of the Kuomintang Army, the Kuomintang has issued the following statement:

"According to reports received by the Government, Acting Chief Aw Yang Lin of the Naval Bureau deserted his post without cause and left the Fleet without supervision, thus having enabled the *Ching Shen* (flagship of the Kuomintang Navy) to commit unlawful acts. The Government, to prevent further disorder, deemed it necessary to arrest all suspects, to be dealt with, and this has been done.

"This is published to shed a proper light on the situation, and it is hoped that all erroneous reports may be disregarded."

### "INVITED TO WHAMPONG."

During the search for anti-Reds, or rather opponents of General Chiang Kai Shek, on March 19th, 20th, and 21st, many leading officials were "invited to Whampong" for consultation and several regiments of troops, including one belonging to General Chu Pei Teh, were "advised" to turn their arms over to General Chiang's cadets for safe-keeping. The cadets sent by General Chiang to "guard" the Strike Committee headquarters and the homes of several leading officials in Canton were withdrawn on March 22nd.

### "TO MUSTER" THE PICKETS OUT OF EXISTENCE.

General Chiang Kai Shek is stated to be drafting plans to definitely put the Canton Strike Committee under direct Red supervision and gradually to muster the pickets out of existence. On March 20th, during the search of the Strike Committee headquarters at Tung Yuen, East Bund, the more annoying of the pickets were disarmed, and the several leaders were advised to absent themselves from further duty.

"To carry out this scheme to get rid of the strikers, the Canton Police have been ordered by the Kuomintang authorities to round up all the unemployed. The strikers have been given the choice of moving to Whampong, or deportation. A number of them have signified their objection to moving to Whampong, saying that 20 cents a day as wages and free board and lodging is not a great inducement. The free board and lodgings now being offered to strikers at the several labour union depots may soon come to an end. It is understood, however, that General Chiang will not carry out his new policy at once, provided that no unforeseen circumstances force him to drastic measures. For the present, very few strikers can be said to be unemployed, technically speaking, as the few hundred still left outside the picket companies are seeking a livelihood as hawkers. These are but a few hundred. The rest, numbering between 3,000 and 4,000, are pickets in different parts of Kwangtung having connections with Macao or Hongkong. Since the proposal was made to send the strikers to Whampong to assist in the promotion of the port development scheme, many have voluntarily withdrawn from Canton and made their way back to Hongkong, by way of Chinshan and Macao.

The leaders of the Strike Committee who have just escaped from Canton claim that some mercenary militarists in the 3rd and 4th Kuomintang Army Corps will come to the rescue of the strikers in case the Kuomintang, now dominated by General Chiang, "double crosses" them, but not many place faith in the mercenary who will only help those able to pay.

## MODERN CRUSADERS. INVESTITURE OF LOCAL AMBULANCE MEN.

H.E. GOVERNOR'S ADDRESS.

There was a large gathering at Murray Parade ground yesterday afternoon, when His Excellency the Governor (Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G.), inspected the Hongkong Corps of the St. John Ambulance Brigade, which is enrolled like similar branches under the Order of St. John of Jerusalem—the most ancient Order of chivalry, which was in existence at the time of the Crusades.

The English branch of the Order (founded in 1130, but which had been dormant since the Reformation) was revived and its status confirmed in 1888 by Queen Victoria, who granted a new Charter which to-day controls the work of the English Grand Priory and its departments.

Those units present at yesterday's parade, which was under command of Mr. E. Ralphs, Assistant Commissioner, attended by Dr. W. V. M. Koch, District Surgeon, and Mr. A. Morris, Corps Superintendent, were:

Chinese Y.M.C.A. Division, in charge of Sergt. Chak Tai Kwong.

Railway Division, under Sergt. Win-yard.

Saipingun Division, in charge of Sergt. Leung Sui Sang.

Indian Division, under Mr. A. el Arculli, Divisional Superintendent.

Kowloon Division, with Mr. J. Ralston in command.

Nursing Division, under the superintendence of two lady physicians (Dr. Hickling and Dr. Minetti).

Auxiliary Cars with Chinese lady drivers at the wheel.

By kind permission of Lieut.-Colonel Montague Bates, C.M.G., D.S.O., and the officers of the 1st Batt. East Surrey Regiment, the matched had been placed at the disposal of visitors and was well filled.

The Surrey Band was also present and supplied music for the march past.

The parade assembled, under command of Mr. A. Morris (Corps Superintendent) at 4.30 p.m. and awaited the arrival of His Excellency the Governor, who was attended by Captain Steele, A.D.C.

His Excellency was met at the entrance by Mr. Ralphs and conducted to the saluting base, where he was received with a Royal Salute, after which he proceeded to inspect the Corps.

Then followed a march past of the entire Corps, including the motor-cars, which it is interesting to note are part of a fleet which private owners have kindly placed at the disposal of St. John's Ambulance Association. The Chinese ladies at the wheel looked exceedingly smart in their uniforms of each car brought home to one that the organisation is united in its determination to relieve the suffering of mankind.

The owners of these cars have undertaken to supply them in case of emergency, with drivers who are already members of the Brigade.

The cars present yesterday were driven by Miss Ho Tung, Miss Chou and Miss Ho Kwong, while Miss Chang was in charge of a motor-cycle.

After the march past, which was very smartly carried out, a demonstration of a variety of injuries that are liable to result in consequence of street accidents, train smashes, fights, fires or fits.

Each unit showed itself fully capable of dealing with the job in hand and won unstinted praise from those capable of expressing a professional opinion.

His Excellency the Governor, during the demonstration, evinced the keenest interest, visiting each unit in turn and conversing with those in charge.

### THE INVESTITURE.

At the conclusion of the demonstration the parade was drawn up in a hollow square before His Excellency, who made the following investitures:

Mr. Ho Kom Tong was made an Honorary Knight of Grace: "For valuable services rendered to the Order."

"For conspicuous gallantry in saving life at imminent risk" the following Medals of the Order were bestowed in connection with the Po Hing Fong disaster.

### SILVER MEDAL.

Mr. E. Ralphs, Assistant Commissioner, in charge of St. John Ambulance Brigade.

### BRONZE MEDALS.

Mr. D. Burlingham, Assistant Superintendent, Hongkong Police.

Mr. H. T. Brooks, Superintendent, Hongkong Fire Brigade.

Mr. J. Condon, Assistant, Hongkong Fire Brigade.

Mr. G. A. Hyder, Lance-Corporal, St. John Ambulance Brigade.

Mr. H. Braga, Scout Master, B.P. Boy Scouts.

### BELLIOS MEDAL.

"For conspicuous bravery," the Bellios Medal was awarded to:

Mr. Fan Lam, Hongkong Fire Brigade.

Mr. Lau Kin, Hongkong Fire Brigade.

Mr. Chak Tai Kwong, Sergeant, St. John Ambulance Brigade.

Mr. Sze To Chung, Sergeant, St. John Ambulance Brigade.

Mr. Leung Sui Sang, Sergeant, St. John Ambulance Brigade.

After His Excellency had pinned the ribbon and medal on the breast of each recipient the shook hands with him and spoke a few words of congratulation.

## TROPHIES PRESENTED.

His Excellency then presented the following trophies:—  
1—"Ralphs" Shield (For General Efficiency, at Annual Competition), awarded to the "Y.M.C.A. Division."

2—"Lau Chu Pak" Duty Cup. (For best record of actual Ambulance duty performed during 1925), awarded to the "Indian Division."

3—"Hollyoak" Attendance Cup. (For best attendance during 1925), awarded to the "Railway Division."

### THE GOVERNOR'S SPEECH.

His Excellency the Governor, in addressing the parade said:—

Officers and men of the Hongkong Branch of St. John Ambulance Brigade: I am glad to see so large a muster on parade and I congratulate you on the efficient display of "first aid" which you have just given. As the years go by I hope to see a very considerable increase in your numbers: for I attach great importance to the training in "first aid" of the Hongkong Police, of the Hongkong Fire Brigade and of the employees of the Kowloon-Canton Railway. It is also very much in the public interest that the employees of certain public utility companies should receive such a training. Street accidents are very frequent in this Colony. I hardly ever read the daily Police reports without seeing one or more such accidents recorded. A very high percentage of our population lives afloat and therefore it is a matter of moment that "first aid" in saving persons from drowning should be readily available.

The recent Hongkong Hotel fire serves to remind us of the extent to which our lives are in the care of the Fire Brigade: and there is the ever present threat of typhoons. When fires, storms and accidents occur, it is nearly always a policeman who is first on the scene and it is, therefore, essential that the police should know how to give "first aid." Moreover, it is very desirable that the man in the street should realize that police constables are not merely men waiting for him round the corner with a pair of hand-cuffs, but that they will be the first to succour him in time of trouble. Nothing will do more than this to promote good feeling between the general public and the Police Force. I shall, therefore, use all my influence to encourage the training in "first aid" of as large a number of police, firemen and railwaymen as possible.

### THANKS TO MEDICAL MEN.

This "first aid" training cannot be given without the help of medical practitioners and I desire to offer the cordial thanks of this Colony to all the medical men, both European and Chinese, whose help has been so freely and willingly given to this Brigade. The efficiency of the Brigade is very largely due to these doctors.

### WILLING HELPERS.

It is also due to the enthusiasm of all ranks of the Brigade itself as well as to the financial support given by the community, particularly the Chinese community, and in this connection I must specially mention the generous help given to the Brigade by Mr. Ho Kom Tong. It has been a great pleasure to me to-day to invest him with the insignia of a Knight of Grace of the Order of St. John.

The work of Mr. Ralphs, as your Commandant, also merits the highest praise, and I sincerely congratulate him on winning the silver medal of the Order awarded for gallantry in saving life.

I also congratulate all the other members of the Brigade to whom medals have been awarded.

The work of the St. John's Ambulance Brigade is entirely voluntary and no fees or rewards of any kind are at any time accepted by the members. This fact makes the record of duty done in 1925 very remarkable, and I must make special mention of the work of the Brigade at the Po Hing Fong disaster in respect of which several medals have been granted, while this year the Brigade attended at the Hongkong Hotel fire and has already vaccinated over 600 persons.

The Brigade is in every way deserving of the thanks and the support of the Colony: I wish it continued and ever-increasing success in its beneficent activities.

### CLOSING SCENES.

Proceedings concluded with a march past of the entire parade, including motor vehicles, after which, headed by the Band of the East Surrey Regiment, the infantry contingent was marched off the ground and dismissed in Lower Albert Road.

## "AN UNJUST PROCEDURE."

### HONGKONG HOTEL AND SANITARY REGULATIONS.

At the Central Magistracy yesterday, the Hongkong Hotel Company were summoned for not keeping a lavatory in accordance with the regulations of the Sanitary Department. The case was heard by Major C. Willson.

Mr. R. A. Wadson defended. Sanitary Inspector Strange who prosecuted, read certain correspondence which had passed between the Hotel Company, the Police authorities and the Sanitary authorities, and stated that the responsibility rested with the Hongkong Hotel for the proper upkeep of the lavatory in a part of the building affected by the recent fire.

Mr. Wadson said that it was an unjust procedure, because after the fire, the police had taken control of the premises and had never released them. No one from the hotel had attempted to go into the premises whilst they were within the jurisdiction of the police. The matter of control was therefore out of his clients' hands.

A nominal fine of \$5 was imposed.

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THE VALUABLE LEASEHOLD  
PROPERTY

Situate at Kowloon City in the Dependency of Kowloon and Colony of Hongkong and registered at the Land Office as SUBSECTIONS 1 and 2 of SECTION A of NEW KOWLOON INLAND LOT No. 132 with the Premises thereon now known as Nos. 60 and 61, SAI KUNG ROAD.

## IN TWO LOTS

By Messrs. LAMBERT BROTHERS.

At Their Sale Room,  
No. 5, DUNDRELL STREET, HONGKONG.

MONDAY, THE 29TH DAY OF MARCH, 1926,  
AT 3 O'CLOCK P.M.

For further Particulars and Conditions of Sale, Apply to:

Messrs. WOO & NASH,  
Mortgagee's Solicitors,  
Bank of China Building,  
Queen's Road Central.

or to: Messrs. LAMBERT BROTHERS,  
Auctioneers,  
No. 5, DUNDRELL STREET.

Dated the 10th day of March, 1926. [3352]

## NOTICE

**THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** of Members of the HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE will be held on THURSDAY, 25TH MARCH, 1926, at 4 P.M., in the OLD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ROOM, CITY HALL, for the following purposes:—

- (1) To receive the Report and Accounts of the Committee for the year ended 31st December, 1925.
- (2) To elect a new Committee.
- (3) To transact any General Business.

By Order,  
M. F. KEY,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, 17th March, 1926. [3353]

## BY ORDER OF THE MORTGAGEE.

PUBLIC AUCTION  
OF  
THE VALUABLE LEASEHOLD  
PROPERTY

Situate at Victoria, Hongkong, and known as SUBSECTION 2 of SECTION B of MARINE LOT No. 57 and the REMAINING PORTION OF SECTION B of MARINE LOT No. 57, Together with the GODOWNS known as Nos. 1 and 3, SUTHERLAND STREET, AND 13, IN KU LANE erected thereon.

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Annual Crown Rent: \$179.53.

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## PUBLIC AUCTION

WEDNESDAY, THE 31ST DAY OF MARCH, 1926, AT 3 O'CLOCK P.M.

At the CHINA AUCTION ROOMS,

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By Mr. E. V. M. R. DE SOUSA, Auctioneer.

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Messrs. JOHNSON, STOKES & MASTER,

Princes' Building, Hongkong,

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The Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 24th March, 1926. [3354]

## PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS

## OF SALE

## OF THE VALUABLE LEASEHOLD PROPERTY

Situate at and being RURAL BUILDING LOT No. 224, VICTORIA, HONGKONG.

## TO BE SOLD

BY ORDER OF THE MORTGAGEE

## PUBLIC AUCTION

THURSDAY, THE 1ST DAY OF APRIL, 1926,

AT 3 O'CLOCK P.M.

## IN ONE LOT

THE AUCTIONEERING & BROKERING CO., LTD.,

At Their Auction Rooms at No. 48, DUNDRELL STREET.

The Property consists of:—

All that Piece or Parcel of Ground situate at Victoria in the Colony of Hongkong registered in the Land Office as RURAL BUILDING Lot No. 224 together with the European Messuage erected thereon.

The Property contains an Area of 30,600 Square Feet or thereabouts. The Property is held under Conditions of sale No. 1974 whereunder a Crown Lease is to be granted for a Term of 75 years with a right of Renewal for a further Term of 75 years.

The Crown Rent payable in respect of the Property is \$173.00 annually.

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Messrs. DRACONS,

Vendors' Solicitors,

1, Des Voeux Road Central,

or from THE AUCTIONEERING & BROKERING CO., LTD.,

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Hongkong, March 24th, 1926. [3357]

## INTIMATIONS

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## NOTICE

**WE HAVE THIS DAY** Authorized Mr. PETER EMIL HELGA MELBYE to Sign our Firm Per Procuration.  
H. SKOTT & Co.  
Hongkong, 24th March, 1926. [3355]

## BY ORDER OF THE MORTGAGEE.

PUBLIC AUCTION  
OF  
THE VALUABLE LEASEHOLD  
PROPERTY

Situate at HUNG HON in the Dependency of Kowloon and Colony of Hongkong and registered at the Land Office as HUNG HON INLAND LOT No. 176 (Site of No. 103, WING STREET). Together with the Messuage or Tenement and other Erections and Buildings thereon in Course of Construction.

## AND THE VALUABLE LEASEHOLD PROPERTY

Situate at YAU MATI in the Dependency of Kowloon and Colony of Hongkong and registered at the Land Office as KOWLOON INLAND LOT No. 232 (Site of No. 572, CANTON ROAD). Together with the Messuage or Tenement and other Erections and Buildings thereon in Course of Construction.

## IN TWO LOTS

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AT THE CHINA AUCTION ROOMS,

No. 4, DUNDRELL STREET, HONGKONG.

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For further Particulars and Conditions of Sale, Apply to:—

Messrs. GEO. K. HALL BRITTON & CO.,

Mortgagee's Solicitors,

St. George's Building, Chater Road,

or to: Mr. E. V. M. R. DE SOUSA,

Auctioneer,

No. 4, DUNDRELL STREET.

Dated the 10th day of March, 1926. [3357]

## BY ORDER OF THE MORTGAGEE.

PUBLIC AUCTION  
OF  
FOUR LOTS OF VALUABLE LEASEHOLD PROPERTIES,

NAMED:—  
LOT No. 1  
ALL THAT Piece or Parcel of Ground situate at TAI KOK TSUI in the Dependency of Kowloon and Colony of Hongkong and Registered at the Land Office as KOWLOON INLAND LOT No. 181, Together with the Messuage or Tenement and other Erections and Buildings thereon now known as Nos. 91 and 93, KEMER STREET;

LOT No. 2  
ALL THOSE Pieces or Parcels of Ground situate at TAI KOK TSUI aforesaid and respectively Registered at the Land Office as SECTION A and THE REMAINING PORTION OF KOWLOON INLAND LOT No. 187, Together with the Messuage or Tenement and other Erections and Buildings thereon respectively now known as Nos. 115 and 117, KEMER STREET;

LOT No. 3  
ALL THOSE Pieces or Parcels of Ground situate at FUK TSUN HEUNG in the Dependency of Kowloon and Colony of Hongkong and respectively Registered at the Land Office as SECTIONS A and B AND THE REMAINING PORTION OF KOWLOON INLAND LOT No. 1115, Together with the Messuage or Tenement and other Erections and Buildings thereon respectively now known as Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4, NEWCHWANG STREET;

LOT No. 4  
ALL THAT Piece or Parcel of Ground situate at SHAMSHUIPO in the Dependency of Kowloon and Colony of Hongkong and Registered at the Land Office as SECTION A of NEW KOWLOON INLAND LOT No. 139, Together with the Messuage or Tenement and other Erections and Buildings thereon now known as No. 11, KI LUNG STREET.

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AT 3 O'CLOCK P.M.

For further Particulars and Conditions of Sale, Apply to:—

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St. George's Building, Chater Road,

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Dated the 12th day of March, 1926. [3359]

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[3358]

## INTIMATIONS

## THE HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING CO., LTD.

**THE FORTY-SECOND ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS** in the above Company will be held at St. George's Building, Chater Road, Victoria, on THURSDAY, the 25TH MARCH, 1926, at 11 O'CLOCK A.M., for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the General Managers for the year ended 31st December, 1925, and electing a Committee and Auditors. The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 20th MARCH, 1926, until THURSDAY, the 25th MARCH, 1926, both days inclusive. SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., General Managers. Hongkong, 18th March, 1926. [3390]

## THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

## NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

**THE FIFTY-SEVENTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS** will be held at the Office of the Undersecretary on FRIDAY, the 26TH MARCH, 1926, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1925. The SHARE REGISTER and TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 12th to the 26th MARCH, 1926, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD., General Managers.

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LTD.

Hongkong, 18th March, 1926. [3375]

## A. S. WATSON &amp; CO., LIMITED.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the FORTY-FIRST ANNUAL ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Company (since its registration) will be held at the Hongkong Hotel, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 27TH MARCH, 1926, at 11 A.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1925. The REGISTER OF SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from FRIDAY, the 18th DAY OF MARCH, to MONDAY, the 20th DAY OF MARCH, 1926, both days inclusive, during which period No Transfer of Shares can be registered. JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, General Managers. Hongkong, 18th March, 1926. [3381]

## THE HONGKONG &amp; WHAMPOA DOCK CO., LIMITED.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the Office of the Company, 2, QUEEN'S BUILDINGS, HONGKONG, on MONDAY, 29TH MARCH, 1926, at Noon, for consideration of the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1925. The SHARE REGISTER and TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 23RD to the 28TH MARCH, 1926 (both days inclusive). By Order of the Board of Directors, R. M. WEBB, Chief Manager. Hongkong, 18th March, 1926. [3387]

## NOTICE

## UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED.

**CERTIFICATE** No. 3461 for 25 Shares, 24 Per Share Paid Up, Numbered 48761/48775 in this Society standing in the Joint Names of HARRY CLABURN PEARCE and JOHN HERMANN TEESDALE, both of Shanghai, Has Been Declared LOST, and if at the Expiration of One Month from the Date hereof the above Certificate will not be forthcoming the said Certificate will be deemed CANCELLED and of No Effect, and A NEW Certificate for the 25 Shares will be issued in its stead by the Society. PAUL LAUDER, General Manager. Hongkong, 23rd February, 1926. [3233]

## THE HONGKONG SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS.

## ANNUAL MEETING

**THE ANNUAL MEETING** will be held on MONDAY, 27TH MARCH, 1926, in the Board Room of Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., at 5.30 P.M. Business:—to adopt the Accounts for 1925 and to elect Officers, etc. Will Anyone willing to join the Committee or take Office please send their Names to the Undersecretary. B. L. FROST, President and Hon. Secretary. [3347]

## HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

**THE FIRST EXTRA RACE MEETING** will be held (weather permitting) at HAPPY VALLEY on SATURDAY, 3RD APRIL, 1926, commencing at 2.30 P.M. The First Bell will be rung at 2 P.M. The Charge for Admission to the Public Enclosure will be \$1.00 for all Persons including Ladies. Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform—Half Price. Members are advised that they must show their Tickets to obtain Admission to the Members' Enclosure. Each Member has the right of introducing a Non-member to the Members' Enclosure. Tickets for whom can be obtained from Messrs. LESTER & DAVIS at \$5 each up to THURSDAY, 1st APRIL. The Charge for Admission for Ladies to the Members' Enclosure will be \$2. Each Member can obtain, upon application to the SECRETARY, a Badge for the Admission of 2 Ladies Free of Charge. [3355]

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## The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, MARCH 25TH, 1926.

## THE CANTON GOVERNMENT AND THE BOYCOTT.

We are inclined to think that Mr. AMERY and Mr. H. W. LOOKER were both wrong in suggesting to the House of Commons, on Monday, that the Canton Government could end the strike and boycott in a moment if they wished to do so. Some residents of Hongkong, we know, hold a similar opinion to that expressed by Mr. LOOKER but there is certainly no evidence to support it. Of course, if the Government were in absolute and unchallenged control of all military forces in South China the question would not arise. But are they? Nominally they command the armies and General CHIANG KAI SHEK, who appears to hold a position tantamount to that of a military dictator, seems to be working amicably with them. The crux of the whole position, however, is the dependability of the troops. There are grave doubts, at the moment, regarding their loyalty. It is very uncertain whether they would obey orders if those orders were particularly distasteful to them.

When the strikers cut off water and electricity from the Canton Hospital the Government promised to intervene. The hospital has a wonderful record of disinterested service on behalf of the Chinese people and the Government ordered that it should be protected. Events proved, however, that they were not strong enough to ensure their orders being carried into effect. Unruly elements had the upper hand and the hospital is now closed. When the control of the Kung Yee Hospital was transferred from the old committee to the Kwangtung University, the whisper went round that the Chinese nurses were to be beaten because they had not left the premises earlier in accordance with the instructions of some of the extremist leaders. The police were informed and, naturally and quite rightly, were in entire sympathy with the side of law and order. But they confessed their impotence in the face of the larger numbers arrayed against them and, finally, in order to avoid any outrage the nurses were smuggled away from the hospital precincts under cover of darkness.

Again, the news of the startling happenings in Canton during the last few days may lead to a confusion of ideas owing to the labels which Chinese correspondents are apt to attach, perhaps a little indiscriminately, to the chief actors in the drama. There are so many shades of colour in the Canton camp that it is futile to attempt to divide the forces into two great divisions—Red and Anti-Red. We suggest that it is time these colours should be disregarded. For instance, it is reported that General CHIANG KAI SHEK, who for want of a better name is described as a Red, has been engaged in rounding up the Anti-Reds. If this is accurate the natural assumption is that his success will lead to still further excesses. We believe exactly the opposite to be the case. It was found in Canton a few days ago that the extremists were plotting to overthrow the Government. One Army Corps was disaffected and General CHIANG KAI SHEK, in full accord with the Government and acting under their instructions, took strong action. He surrounded the headquarters of this Army Corps, disarmed a good many of the troops and seized a consignment of six thousand rifles. A number of prisoners were also taken, including thirty Russians and, after examination, fourteen of these Russians are still detained in custody. It was a tussle between the Government and, shall we say, the Communist Party, and the Government came through successfully. They are at the moment holding their own but the position is critical because, while it is assumed the senior army officers are to be relied upon, no one can say with any certainty how far the juniors have been influenced by Russian intrigue. It is the Russian plan to work from the bottom upwards.

The Army Corps that has now been brought to heel was the one that would have been left in charge of the City if the Northern expedition, of which so much was heard recently, had materialised. This was the opportunity for which they were supposed to be waiting, but they were foiled by changed plans and prompt Government action. It is improbable now that Canton will send an army to the North. At any rate it is very unlikely such a move will be considered until the situation is much more stable than it is at present.

We do not suggest that General CHIANG KAI SHEK and the members of the present Canton Government are little white angels who are working against the extremists with the sole desire to end the boycott and stretch out the glad hand of friendship to the British trader. But they are not Red as we understand the word to denote a Communist. They are in the saddle and we believe are honestly endeavouring to introduce, where and when they can, some form of orderly Government. But strong interests are working secretly against them and they have to move slowly and to choose their steps carefully.

In the circumstances it is extremely rash on the part of the Home Government and Mr. LOOKER to inform the British public that the Canton Government could end the boycott immediately if they had the will. The Strike pickets are now refusing to honour the passes issued by the Canton authorities which seems to portend that another clash must come sooner or later.

The Medical Officer of Health's return of notifiable diseases for the 22nd inst. contained only two cases of diphtheria. A Chinese committed suicide by hanging himself in a store room of the Ngai Kung knitting factory at 259, Portland Street, on Tuesday. The friends of Sir Paul Chater, C.M.G., will regret to learn that he has been confined to his house for the last two days, suffering from a severe chill. A Chinese was sent to the Kwong Wah Hospital on Tuesday suffering from a dog bite. The dog, which belonged to a Chinese living at No. 243, To Kwa Wan, was sent to Kennedy Town. A Chinese student at the Elita Kadoorie School pleaded guilty at the Central Magistracy yesterday to having stolen two raincoats and an umbrella from the dressing room at the Chinese Y.M.C.A. He was ordered 12 strokes with the birch. The return of notifiable disease in the Colony for last week shows: Small-pox, 2 cases (1 imported); diphtheria, 1; enteric fever, 2; rabies, 3. The deaths were 1 from diphtheria, 1 from enteric fever and 2 from rabies. All the cases were Chinese. A Chinese who had returned from Mexico was charged before Mr. Lindell at the Central Magistracy yesterday, with the possession of a dagger. The weapon was found in defendant's trunk as he left a boat at the Tung On Wharf on Tuesday. A fine of \$50 was imposed, and an order was made for the confiscation of the weapon. A special dinner dance is being held at the Repulse Bay Hotel to-night when the dance music will be supplied by the orchestra of the s.s. Franconia. The orchestra consists of eleven artists under the direction of Mr. H. Woodland, who is by no means a stranger to the Colony, as this is his third appearance as leader of the Franconia orchestra. Members of the C.M.S., St. John's Hall, gave an excellent concert in the Great Hall of the Hongkong University last night. The concert was much enjoyed and the dance which followed it also proved a very pleasant and happy function. A special feature of the concert was a Chinese play written by Dr. S. Y. Wong, assistant Professor of Pharmacology at the University. The case in which three Chinese women were charged with conspiring to accuse two Forest guards of a serious assault against them, and in which five Chinese men were charged with assaulting the guards, was concluded at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday afternoon, when the women were sentenced to six months' imprisonment, and the third and fifth male defendants to three weeks' hard labour each. The other three men were discharged. The Rev. T. W. Pearce, LL.D., O.B.E., Hon. Secretary of the local branch of the British and Foreign Bible Society, for 46 years, and also connected with the London Missions, and the Hongkong University is leaving the Colony for furlough in England early next month, this being only his fourth visit home in a residence of nearly half a century in the Far East. Dr. Pearce is to be one of the speakers at the annual meeting of the Hongkong Auxiliary of the B. and F. Bible Society at the Helena May Institute to-morrow evening at 5.15. Commander A. J. B. Stirling, C.B., will preside and the Rev. G. W. Sheppard, agent in China of the British and Foreign Bible Society, will also give an address. The hearing of the case in which Li Hau, an earth coolie, is charged with the murder of his clansman, Li Muk, another earth coolie, at No. 4 Sun Street, first floor, Wanchai, on February 17th, was continued before Major O. Willson at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon. Further evidence given by coolies living on the same floor, bore out the opening statement made on Tuesday by Mr. T. M. Hazlerigg (Assistant Crown Solicitor) that on February 18th the two men quarrelled as to who should prepare a meal, and then had a fight, and that on the night of February 17th Li Muk died as a result of stab wounds in the throat, alleged to have been inflicted by the accused, who was seen to strike the deceased. Following the death of Li Muk, accused disappeared, being arrested at Aberdeen on February 22nd. After hearing evidence to this effect His Worship adjourned the case until to-morrow afternoon, when it is expected it will be concluded.



## CABLE AND WIRELESS NEWS.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

## DEBATE ON GENEVA.

COMMONS APPROVE SIR AUSTEN CHAMBERLAIN'S POLICY.

RUGBY, March 23rd.

The Debate on events at Geneva was opened in the House of Commons this afternoon by Mr. Lloyd George, the Liberal Leader, who declared that the ideas of March had ended in tragedy. The Locarno Powers were responsible for the failure at Geneva, which had so damaged the machinery of peace. The obvious procedure at Geneva was to elect Germany to the League, and if the Locarno Powers had stood by that and insisted on the postponement of all other claims no one would have doubted but that it would have gone through without any difficulty. Instead the Locarno Powers, including Great Britain, had negotiated, conferred, manoeuvred, cajoled and indulged in international browbeating with a view to carrying their nominees. How could any one blame Brazil under these conditions. Sweden took the right and courageous course and represented public opinion in Great Britain.

[Reuter's message says: Mr. Lloyd George said they were entitled to ask whether Sir Austen Chamberlain knew beforehand that France and Poland intended to insist on the simultaneous entry of Poland to the Council with Germany. In the course of references to the United States, Mr. Lloyd George's mention of Senator Borah was received with some laughter by Ministerialists, at which Mr. Lloyd George asked what was the good of scoffing at one of the ablest and most influential men in America? Mr. Lloyd George added that instead of using their influence to secure the admission of Germany alone the Powers represented at Locarno had intrigued and even threatened in order to get somebody else in.]

## THE FOREIGN SECRETARY'S REPLY.

Sir Austen Chamberlain, in reply, regretted that Mr. Lloyd George had formulated no direct charge against him. But he understood that the first charge against him was that when he passed through Paris in December he entered into some secret and unavowed agreement with M. Briand about Polish claims. Mr. Lloyd George, interposing, said that he suggested that Sir Austen Chamberlain, while in Paris in December, promised the Spanish Ambassador there to support the case of Spain and that M. Briand had already promised to support the case of Poland.

Continuing Sir Austen Chamberlain said that the second charge against him was that he had acted disloyally to Germany, and the third charge was that if he had put his foot down sometime previous to Geneva no other country would have raised a claim and that the whole matter would have passed over without any difficulty. And, lastly, that when at Geneva, he engaged in secret discussions instead of carrying on all discussions in the public sitting of the Council or Assembly.

## DENIED CATEGORICALLY.

Taking these charges *seriatim*, Sir Austen Chamberlain said that when he met M. Briand in Paris he took an opportunity of learning his views on a number of subjects, but he began the conversations by telling him that on no matter whatever could he make any engagement until he had returned to his own country and got in touch with the Foreign Office and consulted with his colleagues, if necessary. They spoke about Poland, and he asked M. Briand why the French Government proposed to support the admission of Poland to the League Council and, more particularly, the claim of Poland to a permanent seat, so that he might report faithfully to his Government. Any suggestion that at that interview he undertook any kind of obligation to support the Polish claim, whether for a permanent seat or for a temporary seat, was without the least foundation. "I denied it before I went to Geneva and I desire my denial to be as categorical as possible." He had already renewed to Spain the assurance that Britain would, in suitable circumstances, renew the support of her claims which four years ago he and Mr. Lloyd George, as a Member of the Coalition Government, had championed and which the British Government had accepted.

It was wholly untrue that he had acted disloyally to Germany, and that had he put his foot down no other nation would have ventured to put forward her claim. The Germans with whom he had dealt had never made any charge of disloyalty.

## BRITAIN AS MEDIATOR.

At Geneva he did his best to persuade the other nations not to raise the question of new seats at this time. The League was an association of equal nations and to point to the representative of this country as some brief dictator who could order nations about and order them not to use their covenanted right was to misunderstand the whole position of the League. If ever any British representative attempted to play that role at Geneva he would have the reprobation of the whole League as his guardian. The position of Great Britain was detached from an extreme view and she seemed, once more, in a position to play her accustomed part of mediator and conciliator. What was the view of the conflicting parties? On the one hand the Germans said it had never entered their mind that any change was contemplated in the Council, except the addition of a permanent seat for themselves. They could not alter what was the basis of their whole domestic campaign. As to the other countries, he believed that every Power but one, said they would be happy to support Germany's admission to a permanent seat on the Council.

## BRAZIL'S REPLY.

Brazil sent an entirely different reply. She indicated she was willing to see Germany a member but gave no terms. She expressly said that this was not a matter to be treated between Government and Government but a matter to be decided in the League itself at Geneva, as the result of discussions there and with due regard to the International Law spirit of the League and other matters. Ought not that answer to have put Germany on her guard? France replied, saying she was ready to support Germany's claim to a permanent seat on the Council and to a proportionate representation on the Secretariat, but she continued that as to the other considerations developed in the memorandum of the German Government, Germany's request for admission cannot be receivable unless it carries with it neither conditions, nor reservations nor additions. In the answer which the British Government sent there was a similar phrase. In the same way we would support Germany's claim to a seat on the Council and a place in the Secretariat. There was no provision for Germany being allowed to claim admission to the League on special conditions or with reservations.

## NO CHARGE OF BAD FAITH AGAINST GERMANY.

He made no charge of bad faith against Germany and he said she had no ground for a charge of bad faith against anybody else. The fact of the matter was, that Germany was not thinking of this particular point. She put forward only the conditions which seemed to her important and when the Powers had answered accepting the proposal for a permanent seat and had rejected all conditions they believed that no other conditions were in the German mind. Consequently, there was a misunderstanding and there was very nearly a quarrel for want of understanding. The subject of the conditions under which Germany would enter the League was raised during a debate at Locarno. Never once was it suggested or hinted that Germany attached any importance at that moment to her entry being accompanied by that of another Power. They all regretted what had occurred. He blamed no one.

## SIR AUSTEN'S INSTRUCTIONS.

Sir Austen Chamberlain then told the House what his instructions were. "Subject to my discretion of making the best arrangement I could in accordance with the development of the situation, my policy should be based upon the following principles: No change in the Council can be admitted which would have the effect of preventing or delaying the entry of Germany; it would be best that Germany should, as a Member of the Council, have full responsibility for any further change in the Council beyond her own admission; The rule that only Great Powers should be permanent members of the Council should, in principle, be maintained; Spain is in a special position and may require exceptional treatment; Neither Poland nor Brazil should be made permanent members at present but Poland should be given a non-permanent seat as soon as possible."

He fully concurred with those instructions, and his first act when he got to Geneva was to convoke the Locarno Powers for a discussion. The conversations among the Locarno Powers were reported to the Council and it was out of the Council discussion that there arose spontaneously Sweden's offer to resign her seat in order to get over the difficulty. There was no pressure put by anyone on Sweden to take that course. There had been suggestions from the side of the Powers at Locarno that one of them might resign in order to make room for Poland but it was not from them that the suggestion that Sweden should retire did come nor would they ever have made such a proposition to Sweden.

confess I did not anticipate that when all the others were agreed, Brazil, far removed from the dangers we were seeking to avert from Europe, would step in on behalf of a claim individual to herself to prevent the consummation of the universal desire."

[A special message from Rugby dealing with the rest of Sir Austen's speech and the conclusion of the debate was not received owing to bad atmospheric conditions.]

## THREAT TO RESIGN.

Reuter furnishes the following report of the rest of the speech:—

During the course of his reply, Sir Austen Chamberlain said that if the vote of the House was adverse he would resign. Mr. Lloyd George had professed to come to the House as an open minded and distressed enquirer but he did not even wait for his (Sir Austen's) arrival from Geneva before he telegraphed to the American press his condemnation of his (Sir Austen's) actions and suspicion of his honour. (Ministerialist cheers.) It was strange that a charge of disloyalty to Germany should have been made against him by a compatriot and not by the Germans themselves. As regards the feeling in America, Mr. Lloyd George had done his share by articles in the newspapers insinuating what he dared not say in the House. (Ministerialist cheers.) Why did Mr. Lloyd George not quote Dr. Stresemann, whom Sir Austen would leave to judge between himself and Mr. Lloyd George as to whether he had ever acted with lack of candour or loyalty towards the Germans.

Later in his speech, Sir Austen said that unless in the future the nations who were members of the League, especially members of the Council, were prepared to attain their ends without making a positive public stand, the League could not do its work and its whole purpose would be destroyed. Sir Austen Chamberlain explained that he informed all parties concerned before the discussions at Geneva of the exact attitude of the British Government. For example, he told the Spanish Ambassador that if the candidature of Spain would impede the entry of Germany he would vote against Spain. He concluded claiming that the Locarno accord had withstood the great strain at Geneva, and that the spirit of Locarno persisted and inspired the policy of the seven nations who signed the Treaty. The influence of Britain stood higher than at any time since the war. (Labour protests and Ministerialist cheers.) While he had been the spokesman of his country in foreign relations, nobody with whom he had dealt in that capacity had questioned the honesty of our policy or doubted our good faith or our word. (Loud Ministerialist cheers.)

## OTHER SPEECHES.

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald declared that Sir Austen Chamberlain's attitude had resulted in the most lamentable failure of British diplomacy for many years. Britain had got mixed up with diplomacy which was hostile to the League and had left the League in confusion and sadness, while cynicism was abroad in Europe such as was not known since the war. Lord Hugh Cecil saw nothing in the events at Geneva which were harmful to peace, and declared that Sir Austen Chamberlain had answered his critics with manly and convincing candour.

## THE LAST CHARGE.

Mr. J. H. Thomas said the Opposition were suspicious that Britain had been committed in advance. They joined issue with the Government on the ground of the serious blow struck to the League's prestige. He declared that if the League failed, the workers would force another instrument to take its place—an international peace. He added that Sir Austen Chamberlain had had one chance and missed it. The House of Commons tried to give him another but he did not take it. They refused to give him a third.

## PREMIER'S CONFIDENCE.

The Premier, Mr. Stanley Baldwin, replying to the debate, said that the new Commission would confront the new situation free of all engagements of any kind to consider the future composition of the Council, and Germany had been invited to take a seat on equal terms with equal rights of speech and voting on the Commission. Mr. Stanley Baldwin expressed the Cabinet's confidence in Sir Austen Chamberlain, who had come through difficult and trying times having done his best in the circumstances. Sir Austen Chamberlain in a few months would bring to fruition the efforts in which he had so long engaged. (Loud Ministerialist cheers.)

## NOTION REJECTED.

The House rejected Mr. Lloyd George's motion by 325 votes to 136.

## [REUTER'S AGENCY.]

## BRITISH PRESS COMMENT.

LONDON, March 24th.

Commenting on Sir Austen Chamberlain's vindication, the *Daily Telegraph* declares that there is no longer any excuse for grossly partisan attacks on Sir Austen and the Government. The difficulties which had arisen at Geneva were inherent not only because of the constitution of the League but because of the stubborn facts of the international situation.

The *Morning Post* says that the only danger to peace in Europe at present is the League. Without it she would have been able to settle her differences. This wonderful invention, it adds, was foisted upon Europe by one American nation, and it was now brought to a standstill by another.

The *Daily Graphic* opines that the cardinal fault at Geneva was that the Locarno Powers tried to rule the League with methods of old diplomacy. The danger of war which remains arises out of that temper, which regards the League as a large scale Foreign Office.

The *Daily Mail*, under the heading "Sir Austen Chamberlain's Vindication," says the Foreign Secretary did very well at Geneva despite the difficulties created for him by the mischievous activities of enthusiastic busy bodies.

The *Daily News* says Sir Austen Chamberlain's speech confirms the distrust generally felt in this country. On his methods and intelligence he is unfit for his office.

The *Daily Herald* says nothing less satisfactory than Sir Austen Chamberlain's defence can be imagined.

The *Westminster Gazette* says the Foreign Secretary's admissions and omissions make up as formidable an indictment as that of any of his critics made. If any hopes are founded upon Sir Austen's conduct of foreign affairs they have now completely vanished.

The *Daily Express* states that something far more substantial than Sir Austen Chamberlain's explanations are needed to renew the confidence of the country in his conduct of foreign affairs. His defence of the Geneva catastrophe is in a measure the extent to which those hapless negotiations have disordered his powers of judgment. Let us leave Europe and her quarrels and turn our eyes to the Dominions.

The *Daily Chronicle* condemns the whole of the Cabinet, and says Sir Austen Chamberlain revealed right to the last the same errors of judgment and narrowness of vision by which he stultified Locarno and damaged his own prestige.

The *Manchester Guardian* says the distrust which the country has shown for Sir Austen Chamberlain's political judgment, has not diminished.

The *Times* regrets the Foreign Secretary did not permit himself similar freedom and directness of speech during the suspense preceding the unhappy negotiations at Geneva.

## GERMANY AND GENEVA.

BERLIN, March 23rd.

The Reichstag by 239 votes to 141 has rejected the German National Party's motion on non-confidence in the Government. The demand that Germany shall withdraw her application for admission to the League.

## GERMANY'S ATTITUDE APPROVED.

LATER.

The Reichstag has adopted the Government parties' motion approving of the attitude of the German Delegation at Geneva regretting that the outcome of the Geneva negotiations did not correspond with the justifiable German expectations and declaring that "the Reichstag expects the Government to obtain speedily, guarantees that the promises made at Locarno, especially as regards the occupied regions, shall be fulfilled as soon as possible in accordance with Germany's just demands and thus make effective, before Germany's entry into the League, the agreement reached at Geneva with regard to the maintenance and continuance of the Locarno policy."

## OBITUARY.

## SIR THEODORE OWEN.

LONDON, March 24th.

The death is announced of Sir Theodore Owen, chairman of tea and rubber companies.

## ECHO OF STRATFORD FIRE.

## APPEAL FOR FUNDS TO REPLACE MEMORIAL THEATRE.

LONDON, March 24th.

Mr. Stanley Baldwin, Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, Lord Asquith and Mr. Thomas Hardy have signed an appeal for funds to replace the Shakespeare Memorial Theatre at Stratford-on-Avon on a "worthy scale."

[A message received on March 7th said:—Fire has destroyed the Shakespeare Memorial Theatre and Tower at Stratford-on-Avon, but the Museum and picture gallery have been saved. A passerby at three in the afternoon noticed smoke from the Theatre. Five Fire Brigades eventually arrived, and thousands of spectators watched a hopeless fight to save the Theatre, but combined strenuous efforts, aided by a favourable wind, prevented the fire from spreading to the Museum and Gallery. The flames licked up a large quantity of the woodwork of the Theatre, and only bare walls remain, while the Tower resembled a gigantic chimney, visible over an extensive area. It is understood that many valuable costumes, stored under the stage of the Theatre were destroyed.]

## BRITISH DYESTUFFS.

## WHAT CONTROL COST GREAT BRITAIN.

LONDON, March 23rd.

In the Chancery Division, Mr. Justice Eve granted a petition by the British Dyestuffs Corporation for a reduction of capital by £4,421,000, of which £2,341,000 was written off as lost, while £1,580,000 will be returned in cash to certain shareholders. The Government will receive £260,000 in return for shares valued at £1,700,000 which they are surrendering. The Government will also relinquish all rights to control the Company.

His Lordship observed that this control had cost the country £1,100,000.

## LABOUR COMBINE.

## ENGINEERS IN FAVOUR OF PROPOSED ALLIANCE.

LONDON, March 23rd.

A ballot of the Amalgamated Engineering Union has resulted in 70,695 votes for and 31,423 votes against joining the proposed new industrial alliance of miners, railwaymen and transport workers. The National Union of Railwaymen had previously decided not to join.

## THE EAST ASIATIC CO.

## DIVIDEND OF 14 PER CENT. DECLARED.

COPENHAGEN, March 23rd.

The East Asiatic Company's report for last year shows that, after providing for administration expenses, depreciations and taxes, it is proposed to pay a dividend of 14 per cent., pay a bonus to staff of 615,159 kroner, and carry forward 5,076,820 kroner.

## BELGIAN FLIGHT.

## AIRMEN SUCCESSFUL IN REACHING CONGO.

BRUSSELS, March 23rd.

The Belgian airmen have complete their flight to Leopoldville. (The Belgian airmen Medaets and Verhaegen, with the mechanic Coppens, left Brussels on March 23rd in an attempt to fly to the Belgian Congo via Cairo and the Nile Valley.)

## THE SCHNEIDER CUP.

## BRITISH AIRMEN NOT TO ENTER.

LONDON, March 23rd.

The Royal Aero Club has decided not to challenge for the Schneider Cup in 1936.

## FOOTBALL AT HOME.

## RESULTS OF TUESDAY'S LEAGUE MATCHES.

LONDON, March 23rd.

The following are the results of football matches in the League played to-day:—

## DIVISION III. (NORTHERN).

Rochdale, 2; Nelson, 0.  
SCOTTISH LEAGUE.  
St. Mirren, 3; Rangers, 2.

## [REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

## DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE.

## MR. HUGH GIBSON THE AMERICAN REPRESENTATIVE.

NEW YORK, March 23rd.

President Coolidge has selected Mr. Hugh Gibson, the American Minister at Bern, to head the American delegation to the Preliminary Disarmament Conference at Geneva.

## THE WORLD COURT.

## AMERICA NOT TO BE REPRESENTED.

WASHINGTON, March 23rd.

President Coolidge doubts the necessity of sending a representative to the World Court meeting at Geneva to explain the Senate's reservations regarding America's adherence to the World Court, as the reservations speak for themselves.

## FAR EASTERN CABLE NEWS.

[REUTER'S AGENCY.]

## THE NORTHERN WAR.

## ALLIED FORCES ARRIVE AT TIENTSIN.

TIENTSIN, March 23rd.

Some five hundred of Li Ching Lin's cavalry, of which half are Russians, arrived this morning and camped near the Central Station.

Cavalry, artillery and infantry of the allies have been arriving all day, and there are now about 10,000 Shantung and Chihli troops in the city, including a number of Chang Tsung Chang's forces.

The city is now very quiet and there are no signs of disorder.

No trains have run between Peking and Tientsin to-day as a Kuomintang armoured train blocks the line near Yangtun.

## ALLIED ARMoured TRAINS ARRIVE.

LATER.

Two armoured trains, manned by "White" Russians have arrived at the Central Station from the Tsinpu line. They will probably be sent up to Yangtun to attack the Kuomintang armoured train there.

Two trainloads of Fengtien troops arrived last night from Tongshan, and reported that the whole railway line between Tientsin and Tongshan is now repaired and clear.

General Chang Hsueh Liang is due here to-day or to-morrow. The Fengtien forces under his command have reached Tangku.

Mails are now being forwarded to Peking.

## "TIMES" COMMENT ON UNITED ACTION.

LONDON, March 24th.

The compliance of the army leaders of the Chinese Government with the recent ultimatum suggests the Powers have everything to gain by combined action in defence of legitimate foreign interests in China, according to the *Times*, which hopes the interested Powers, especially Britain, will profit by this lesson.

## FENG'S FAMILY.

MOSCOW, March 24th.

According to an official agency General Feng Yu Hsiang's family have arrived at Urga in Mongolia.

## S.S. "SUMATRA MARU."

## PORTIONS OF CARGO DAMAGED BY FIRE.

COLOMBO, March 24th.

The s.s. *Sumatra Maru* has arrived with her cargo of cotton. Portions of the cargo are slightly damaged by fire and steam. The cargo will be discharged at Hull.

## JAPANESE BUDGET.

TOKYO, March 24th.

The Upper House has passed the Budget, amounting to 1,598,000,000 yen.

## NISHIHARA LOANS.

TOKYO, March 24th.

The Upper House, in full session this morning, passed the Nishihara Loan Bills, whereby the Government shoulders full responsibility from the Banks concerned.

## PROPERTY SALES.

## BRISK BIDDING FOR BONHAM STRAND PROPERTY.

There was brisk bidding for some leasehold property in Bonham Strand, put up to auction (by order of the mortgagees) at the China Auction Rooms yesterday afternoon.

The property is No. 103, Bonham Strand East, held for the unexpired residue of the term of 981 years from December 28th, 1860. The annual Crown rent is \$17.50 and the area is about 650 square feet.

The price was \$30,000, with \$500 bids acceptable. From a first bid of \$500 the price was raised by similar bids until \$30,000 was reached, at which figure the property was knocked down to Mr. Lung Kai Sang of Macao. Mr. E. V. M. R. de Sousa was the auctioneer.

## PROPERTY WITHDRAWN.

At the Auctioneering and Broking Company's sales room a leasehold property registered in the Land Office as the remaining portion of Subsection 2 of Section B. of Inland Lot No. 484 together with the premises thereon intended to be occupied by the Chung Kwok Restaurant was put up for sale.

This property contains a total area of 14,652 square feet, or thereabouts, and is held under a Crown Lease for the term of 988 years. The Crown Rent payable in respect of the property is \$37.16 per annum.

Mr. L. E. S. Hodge, the Auctioneer, announced that the upset price would be \$300,000, with \$5,000 bids acceptable. Considerable discussion issued as to the terms and when the property would be available for occupation, and the property was withdrawn, no advance on the upset price having been made.



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  - 3.—2/35 (Even Number), Chinese Street on Portion of Marine Lot No. 14.
  - 4.—60/70 (Even Number), Des Voeux Road Central on Portion of Marine Lot No. 14.
  - 5.—154/160, Praya East on Marine Lot No. 158.
  - 6.—31/167 Square feet of Land being the Reclamation to Marine Lot No. 196.
  - 7.—15, 18 and 17, Connaught Road Central on Marine Lot No. 367.
  - 8.—18/23 (Running Numbers), Connaught Road Central on Marine Lot No. 368.
  - 9.—35, Connaught Road Central on Marine Lot No. 379.
  - 10.—37A, 37B, 38A, 39 and 40, Connaught Road Central on Portion of Marine Lot No. 391.
  - 11.—Stephen's Building, situated on Portion of Marine Lot No. 391.
  - 12.—7, Robinson Road on Inland Lot No. 713.
  - 13.—9, Shelly Street on Section E of Inland Lot No. 119.
  - 14.—44, Bonham Road on Portion of Section A of Inland Lot No. 591.
  - 15.—46, Bonham Road on Portion of Section A of Inland Lot No. 591.
  - 16.—Peak Road on Remaining Portion of Inland Lot No. 448.
  - 17.—9, Mountain View, The Peak, on Section A of Rural Building Lot No. 60.
  - 18.—10, Mountain View, The Peak, on Section B of Rural Building Lot No. 60.
  - 19.—5, Stewart Terrace, The Peak, on Section B of Rural Building Lot No. 60.
  - 20.—1 and 2, "Dilruba", situated on Section A of Kowloon Inland Lot No. 538.
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  - 22.—255 and 257, Shanghai Street, Yau-mat, on Portion of the Remaining Portion of Section B of Kowloon Inland Lot No. 29.
  - 23.—134, 134 and 136, Reclamation Street, Yau-mat, on Portion of the Remaining Portion of Section B of Marine Lot No. 29.
  - 24.—152/180 (even Numbers), Reclamation Street, Yau-mat, on Kowloon Inland Lot No. 574.
  - 25.—182/200 (even Numbers), Reclamation Street, Yau-mat, on Kowloon Inland Lot No. 712.
  - 26.—202/220 (even Numbers), Reclamation Street, Yau-mat, on Kowloon Inland Lot No. 578.
  - 27.—3,375 Square feet of Land being Kowloon Inland Lot No. 422.
  - 28.—439, 441 and 443, Shanghai Street, Yau-mat, on Kowloon Inland Lot No. 1518.
  - 29.—531/563 (odd Numbers), Shanghai Street, Yau-mat, on Kowloon Inland Lot No. 1102.
  - 30.—647, 649 and 651, Shanghai Street, Yau-mat, on Portion of Kowloon Inland Lot No. 1091.
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## FROM FO'C'SLE TO FORTUNE.

THE ADVENTUROUS AND SUCCESSFUL CAREER OF MR. HARRY ORE'S UNCLE.

MR. CHARLES SCHULT OF MELBOURNE.

Like a tale from the pen of Joseph Conrad reads the story told to a Hongkong Daily Press representative by Mr. Charles Schult (uncle of Professor Harry Ore, the well-known Hongkong pianist), who arrived in the Colony from Melbourne, on Thursday last, by the s.s. *Ati Maru* and sailed by the s.s. *Kitano Maru*, en route to his birthplace in Latvia via the Siberian Railway. Landing in Melbourne in 1888, with only half a sovereign to his name, Mr. Schult, who became a naturalised British subject in 1893, retired from business in 1914 and is spending his declining years in seeing as much of the world as possible under conditions vastly different from those under which he commenced his career when he ran away to sea in 1889.

Born at Ruyen, in Latvia, on August 1st, 1863, Mr. Charles Schult, at the age of 17, determined to leave the land of his birth and seek his fortune in foreign lands. Thus we find him in 1882 serving before the mast on the sailing ship *Anna Katrina*, bound from Riga to Amsterdam with a cargo of timber, his wages being 5 roubles a month.

After two voyages on the *Anna Katrina*, young Charles realized that he must sail further afield than Holland if he was to find his goal. In consequence, he signed articles for a voyage on the barque *Matilda*, which had been chartered to carry red pine from Riga to Florida. On the voyage he became friendly with a Norwegian sailor, each having sufficient knowledge of the German language to carry on "a halting conversation."

The Norwegian told his friend glowing tales of the fortunes to be made in the United States of America and they determined to desert ship at Florida in the hope of being able to work a passage to the promised land.

During the voyage an incident occurred which made Charles the more determined to desert. "I was over the side one day," said Mr. Schult, "pointing the ship's stern when I was washed off the ladder. Fortunately, I was picked up; but the scare I had had did not satisfy the Captain, who had me flogged for daring to risk my life, which was worth 100 roubles to him, in that the ship's owners mulcted him in this sum for each hand lost on a voyage."

### "PULL FOR THE SHORE."

On arrival at Gulliver's Bay, on the west coast of Florida, the *Matilda* was brought to anchor some distance off the shore to enable the captain to indulge in some duck-shooting. The skipper's partiality for the canvas-back duck was the cause of his losing two of the ship's hands. The second night after the ship's arrival, Charles and his Norwegian friend dropped quietly over the ship's side into the skipper's duck punt, and pulled for the shore—or to use Mr. Schult's own words: "The Norwegian pulled while I bailed, as we found out 'borrowed craft' was leaking badly. All we had was a small ration of ship's biscuit. We landed on a small island and dug the boat adrift in the hopes that it would be picked up and returned to the *Matilda*. We slept in the bush during the day and spent our night's diving for oysters, which, fortunately, were plentiful. After four days on the island, we considered it safe to search for means of leaving our temporary haven. We luckily came across a friend in need—a Scandinavian who had deserted from another vessel. He offered to get us stowed away on a small steamer trading between the island. Our new found friend duly fulfilled his promise and took us to a sailors' boarding house, kept by a German Jew. On hearing of our plight the boarding-house keeper undertook to keep us until he could find us a ship, and thus repay himself for our board and lodging."

### A LUCKY ESCAPE.

While Charles and his friend were living with the German Jew, three more of the crew of the *Matilda* sought refuge there. As these men had drawn their pay before deserting, the Captain had stirred himself to obtain their arrest, but the police visited the house, the German managed to divert suspicion from his guests and the same night smuggled them on board the good ship *Jason*, a Norwegian vessel bound for Harwich and thence to the U.S.A. "I duly signed the ship's articles, which, I was told, entitled me to discharge on the arrival of the vessel in New York. When the *Jason* reached Harwich, however, I learnt that while my friend had been signed on for the full voyage, I was to be discharged at Harwich. After the money due to the German had been deducted, I was left with only a few shillings, with which I bought a railway ticket to London."

### TURN OF THE TIDE.

"Though I did not realize it at the time," continued Mr. Schult, "and was much distressed at having to part with my Norwegian chum, whom I have never heard from since we parted at Harwich, the tide was turning in my favour and it was evidently pre-ordained that I was not to be given an opportunity to make my fortune in the United States."

"For no sooner had I reached London than my luck changed for the better. I found lodgings in a boarding-house near Tilbury Docks, and a few days later obtained a berth on the German-owned sailing ship *Winnipeg*, which, however, was sailing under the British flag."

The vessel was bound for Calcutta, and called in at Cardiff for a cargo of coal. Here again young Charles deserted, but was only at liberty for a few hours. When taken back to the ship, the Captain gave him a lecture but administered no punishment. Our young hero made the return voyage, lasting nine months, and had £18.0.0 coming to him when he was paid off.

"My chief asset, however, was that during the long voyage I had picked up quite a respectable knowledge of the English language," commented Mr. Schult.

### A COCKNEY CORNERED.

Young Charles' next voyage was from Cardiff to Constantinople. Just before the vessel left port, someone stole the Captain's terrier and the Mate's "Sunday pair of boots." Suspicion fell upon a cockney member of the crew—a suspicion which results justified. On the return of the vessel to Cardiff, the cockney sued the Captain for a sum of money, which he stated had been illegally deducted from his pay. While the parties were waiting outside the Court, the Captain's terrier appeared on the scene and at once began jumping up and barking with joy at having found Master. The man, who had purchased the dog, pointed to the cockney as the seller and a term of imprisonment followed.

### IN JAIL IN FRANCE.

At this time the Baron Bauer, an Austrian, was endeavouring to engage a crew for his yacht *Bessie*, but stipulated that every man Jack must be a vegetarian. Eventually the men were found, Charles being one of them.

The first port of call was St. Nazaire, where Charles and five of his shipmates fell foul of the police and spent the night in the lock-up.

They had infringed a local police order, which forbade sailors from foreign ships being on shore after 9 p.m.

When the *Bessie*, some months later, was laid up at Nice, the crew were paid off and given their passage money to England.

### SAILED FOR AUSTRALIA.

On arrival at Tilbury, Charles was signed on as an A.B. on board the s.s. *Port Augusta*, bound for Adelaide, determined to desert on arrival and try to amass a fortune.

Except for a bad passage through the Red Sea, where Charles had to replace the cook, who was driven crazy by the heat, the voyage was without incident.

On reaching Melbourne in Christmas week, 1887, the vessel dropped anchor in Hobson's Bay. Charles and two of his shipmates persuaded a lighterman to smuggle them on shore.

"I was the only one with any money, my capital being half a sovereign," said Mr. Schult and added: "On landing we walked two miles to Fitzroy Gardens, where we slept, moving camp next day to Kew Park. Here we spent a week, living on bread and butter and tea. Finally we were turned out by a park-keeper for lighting a fire. As my funds were then exhausted, we decided to run the risk of the vessel still being in port and look for work. I obtained a job on the circular railway—which incidentally was never completed—my pay being eight shillings a day."

For the first year, young Schult found fairly regular employment in different lines and then obtained a post at a Gas Works. He remained on this job for nine years, being "courtously dismissed" when his employers learned that he was treasurer of the Gas Employees' Union. This was towards the latter part of 1897.

### ALL ENDS WELL.

Mr. Schult thereupon determined to start in business for himself in Melbourne and appears to have "struck oil" from the commencement. He invested most of his savings in landed property, the balance being put into the grocery business.

"I remained in business until 1914, when I had to sell out on account of my German-sounding name, despite the fact that I was naturalized as a British subject in 1893. Though naturally I had no ill-will over the incident as all the world was mad during the war years, I still have the greater part of my holdings in land, the income from which enables me to travel how and where I like and help others less fortunate than myself."

Thus ends the story of one who has achieved the ambition of youth, though handicapped by lack of funds and friends at Court.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

### BIBLE SOCIETY MEETING.

(TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG DAILY PRESS.")

Sir,—By an error no notice was given in the various Churches in the Colony last Sunday of the Annual Meeting of the British and Foreign Bible Society to be held at the Helena May Institute, tomorrow, Friday. Tea is to be at 4.30 p.m. and will be presided over by Comodore A. J. B. Stirling, C.B., the speakers being the Rev. G. W. Shephard, of Shanghai, and the Rev. Dr. T. W. Pearce, O.B.E. The Committee is the more particularly anxious that the public should know of this meeting as it will afford an opportunity of acknowledging the work done by Dr. Pearce during the last 33 years in which he has been Secretary of the Hongkong Auxiliary of the British and Foreign Bible Society, a record altogether unique. Dr. Pearce is due to leave on furlough early next month, and it is hoped that many of his friends will endeavour to be present at this meeting as an expression of gratitude for all that he has done for the Bible Society. Yours obediently,

C. R. VICTORIA,

(Chairman, Hongkong Auxiliary of the British and Foreign Bible Society.)  
Bishop's House, St. Paul's College,  
March 24th, 1926.

### CHRISTIAN SCIENCE.

(TO THE EDITOR, THE "HONGKONG DAILY PRESS.")

Sir,—In your issue of the 23rd instant there was an article about Miss Helen Willis written by a correspondent on the Riviera in which appeared the following sentence, "Being a Christian Scientist, Helen is not superstitious, but fatalistic," and I shall be obliged if you will please permit me to comment on it as it gives quite a mistaken idea of Christian Science.

The Concise Oxford Dictionary defines "fatalism" as "Belief that all events are predetermined by arbitrary decree; submission to all that happens as inevitable."

It is difficult to imagine a more discouraging belief than that evil experiences are inevitable and consequently that it is no use to struggle against them.

Mrs. Eddy, the Discoverer and Founder of Christian Science, writes in the Christian Science textbook "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" on page 406, "Resist evil—error of every sort—and it will flee from you."

Christian Science insists upon the supremacy of good and teaches how evil may be overcome by the spiritual understanding of God and of what constitutes man in His image and likeness.—Yours faithfully,

D. G. M. BERNARD,  
Committee on Publication.

### "A MISERABLE SCOUNDREL."

#### UNPROVOKED ASSAULT ON AN AGED COUPLE.

Two Chinese, a young man and woman, were charged before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy yesterday, with having assaulted an aged couple with whom they lived. The old man who was over 70 years of age was not present, as he was still detained in hospital.

The old woman stated in evidence that defendants were her sub-tenants and she objected because they were in the habit of bringing undesirable persons to the house. The first month's rent had been paid in advance, but when she asked for the second month's rent defendants refused to pay her. The matter was reported to the Police, and the defendants were ordered to pay what was due. After the interview on Tuesday morning, she and her husband were subjected to a severe assault. They were kicked and beaten, and serious injuries were inflicted.

The male defendant alleged that the old people were the aggressors, and denied having injured the old man. Defendant persisted in his allegation.

His Worship: You are a miserable scoundrel to suggest that these old people attacked you. You go back to gaol until Monday.

Bail was raised to \$200 for the second defendant. The case was adjourned until Monday for the attendance of the old man.

### THE QUINETS.

#### CHANGE OF PROGRAMME TO-NIGHT.

"The Quinets" gave their last evening performance of "No, No, Nanette" at the Theatre Royal last night. There was again a full and very enthusiastic house. Needless to say the performance of the popular musical-comedy which has been one of the greatest of recent successes in London went with a hearty swing, being presented in a manner which left nothing to be desired. It was thoroughly enjoyed from start to finish, the audience as usual giving unstinted applause. The oft-recurring numbers "I Want to be Happy" and "For Two" were always encored, as also were some of the other popular items in the play. The novel jazz innovations to which the audience were treated during the musical interludes between the acts again met with much appreciation and afforded much pleasure.

To-night "The Quinets" perform "The Sport of Kings." Ian Hay's great racing comedy with which the Company opened at the Star Theatre, Kowloon, last Saturday.

To-morrow they will present "The Ghost Train" and on Saturday night "The Unfair Sex." On Saturday afternoon they will give a special matinee, at which they will again present "No, No, Nanette."

## LOCAL SPORT.

### FOOTBALL.

EAST SURREYS BEAT CLUB DE RECREIO.

By winning their first division game against the Club de Recreio yesterday at Sookunpoo, the East Surreys close up on Kowloon, the leaders, now one point only separating them, each with two matches to play.

The East Surreys left nothing to chance, and early had a lead of two goals. In each case Mackleworth put the prime mover, while Humberstone put the finishing touches on them. The first goal was hard on Fernandez who stopped a lightning drive from Humberstone, but owing to the state of the ground the goalie slipped and let the ball drop giving away a goal. The second goal was headed in from a centre by Mackleworth, Humberstone beating Fernandez. Following a mis-kick by Jordan, Fernandez gave Silva a good opening and he gave Douglas no chance from close range. With a little luck the Recreio would have levelled up before the interval, for Fernandez sent in a shot which Douglas failed to clear and Bristowe dropping back cleared when a goal seemed certain. Half-time: East Surreys, 2; Club de Recreio, 1.

Good defensive play by the Club de Recreio kept out a very persistent attack by the East Surreys. The Recreio visited the Surreys goal and Gosano mixed a good chance of drawing level, when Douglas only partially cleared a shot from Rocha and the center-forward turned the ball outside the goal with Douglas beaten. With this start the East Surreys went away to make the game safe and Chessman, receiving in a good position, sent the ball into the net.

Before the close, Butler was brought down by Ogley and the Surrey player was forced to leave the field. When the final whistle sounded the East Surreys were leading by three goals to one.

### KOWLOON & POLICE.

The following team has been selected to represent Kowloon in their Shield game with the Police on Saturday, at Sookunpoo "A" ground (kick-off at 4 p.m.): Avery, Wheeler and Head; Turner, Caville and McKelvie; Millard, Spary, Sims, G. Duncan and Hayes. Reserves: Linaker, Sibley, Taylor and Pasco.

### LAWN TENNIS.

#### MATCHES FOR TO-DAY.

Weather permitting the following matches will be played to-day:—

#### OPEN DOUBLES.

Lt.-Col. Montague Bates and Capt. R. H. F. West v. A. S. Humphreys and R. E. Fattaman.  
M. K. Lo and M. W. Lo v. T. Yamada and E. Edo.  
Major H. R. Edwards and J. R. Craig v. Cheong Tuck Wing and Leong Hoi Yeng.

E. da Souza and F. Riberio v. A. Piercy and W. B. Cornaby.

#### HANDICAP SINGLES "B."

C. H. G. Bradley (owe 1/6) v. A. K. Mackenzie (owe 5/6).

#### MIXED DOUBLES.

J. Hall and Mrs. Hall (scr.) v. O. C. Womack and Mrs. E. R. Childie (owe 1/6).

#### CRICKET.

#### CIVIL SERVICE "A" v. ROYAL ENGINEERS.

The following will represent the Civil Service Cricket Club in a League match v. the Royal Engineers on the C.S.C.C. ground at 2 p.m. on Saturday:—W. H. Edmonds (capt.), C. Sdra, T. Carr, R. S. Paterson, F. Harper, B. Spitt, H. Westlake, F. Haynes, B. C. Hawkins, J. B. Nihill, and E. Booker. Reserve: W. Sayers.

### INTERPORT RIFLE SHOOT.

#### TO TAKE PLACE NEXT MONTH.

The interport rifle shoot between Shanghai, Hongkong, Penang and Singapore will be held from 15th to May 31st. Last year the four ports finished in the order named above.

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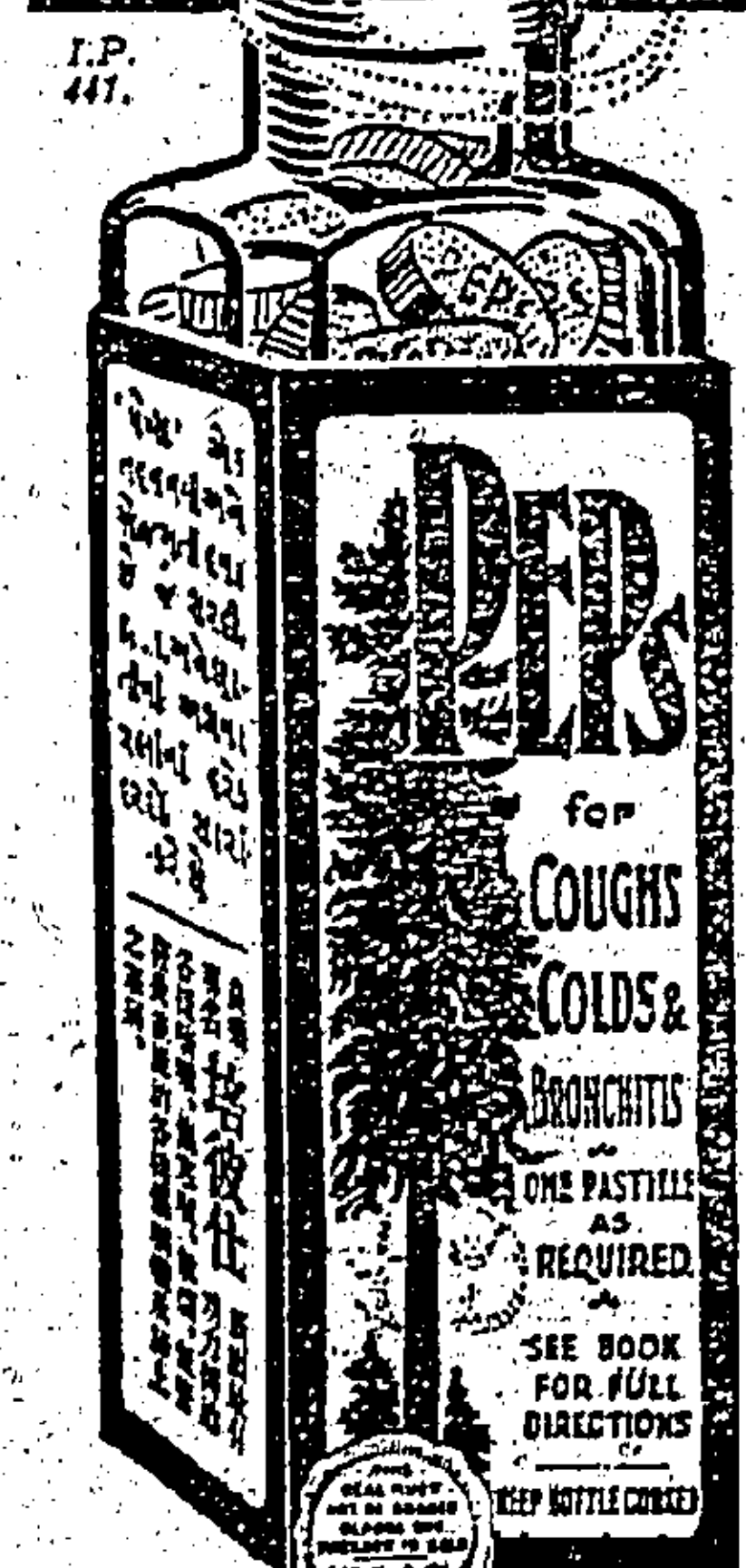
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### GIANT SUBMARINE.

"X1" TO UNDERGO FURTHER  
TRIALS.

The new submarine X1, which has been  
carrying out special trials for some months,  
was ordered to leave Chatham Dockyard  
last month to carry out further tests. She  
was first to carry out a series of trials for  
two days on the Mersey measured mile in  
the Thames Estuary. These tests were to  
be followed by graduated engine trials  
and full-power engine trials at sea, fol-  
lowed by starting, stopping, and reversing

trials. The programme of tests was to  
extend over a week.

Submarine X1, which is the longest and  
fastest submarine in the world, has been  
carrying out experimental trials from time  
to time for nearly two years. She was  
launched in June, 1923.

It is expected that she will leave the  
Nore shortly for a voyage of 20,000 miles,  
similar to that which submarine X20  
underwent in 1924. The vessel has a crew  
of 121, and is capable of being submerged  
for 24 days. Since January of last year  
she has been commanded by Comdr. P. E.  
Phillips.

### SUPREME COURT.

#### A CHINESE PARTNERSHIP DISSOLVED.

Before the Chief Justice (Sir Henry  
Gollan), in the Supreme Court yester-  
day, Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., applied  
on behalf of Tong Shik Wan, and a  
minor named Cheung Shiu Chung, of  
180, Queen's Road, for the dissolution of  
the partnership of the Chau Tong Tung  
Kee medicine shop, and thereby create an  
order whereby Liu Chin Wah, the  
managing partner, would no longer be  
partner of the firm.

Tong Shik Wan said in evidence that  
he was the sole survivor of the original  
partners of the firm, which was formed  
in 1905, with a capital of \$10,000.

At this stage His Lordship asked if  
defendant was present. Mr. Potter re-  
plied that he was, although he was not  
legally represented. He had, however,  
consulted four solicitors and two counsel  
on the matter.

His Lordship: A multitude of counsel  
has been his confusion.

Continuing, plaintiff said defendant's  
father was a partner in the firm, and  
on his death, defendant was admitted  
into the firm, and given the post of  
managing partner. Plaintiff had become  
dissatisfied with defendant's work, be-  
cause since 1920, he had never rendered  
any accounts, nor had he paid dividends.  
Prior to 1920, this had always been done.  
Plaintiff had through his solicitors,  
Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist, offered to  
purchase defendant's share in the busi-  
ness, but he had refused to sell.

Defendant was called, and His Lord-  
ship informed him that he was not sure  
whether he would permit him to take  
part in the proceedings. He had had  
every opportunity of putting in a de-  
fence, but he had not done so. On being  
asked whether he wished to take part in  
the proceedings, defendant said he de-  
sired to do so.

His Lordship: What point do you  
wish to raise?

Defendant: I wish to make it known  
that this man is not the plaintiff.

Why did you not say this before? You  
now wish to raise such a point as that,  
without having given any warning to the  
plaintiff—I only found out the truth  
during the last few days.

Defendant alleged that plaintiff had  
no right to use the name he used. It was  
his father's name.

Mr. Potter said that plaintiff's father  
died in 1905, ten years before the part-  
nership was formed.

Replying to His Lordship, the defend-  
ant said that was the only point he  
wished to raise, and alleged that when  
plaintiff's father died, he left the shares  
to a person to look after. This person  
was not plaintiff.

His Lordship said that he would not  
allow the defendant to take part in the  
proceedings, because he had had plenty  
of time to have raised that point and  
had not done so until the last moment.  
He could therefore pay no attention to  
him.

Mr. Potter also asked that Mr. J. H.  
Seth be appointed receiver, and that the  
firm's accounts be seen to, so that the  
claims of the plaintiff should be paid.

His Lordship granted the order for  
dissolution, acceded to the appointment  
of Mr. Seth as receiver, and ordered an  
examination of the position of the  
accounts.

### MARINE COURT CASES.

#### FIREMAN SENT TO PRISON.

#### DISOBEYED 2ND ENGINEER'S ORDERS.

At the Marine Court yesterday, be-  
fore Lieut.-Commander G. F. Hole,  
R.N., a Chinese fireman of the s.s.  
Benarty was charged with unlawfully  
and wilfully disobeying the lawful com-  
mand of the 2nd engineer while the  
Benarty was at sea on March 20th.

The Master of the Benarty gave  
evidence to the effect that the defendant  
was signed on the articles of the Benarty  
as a fireman.

Mr. Frederick Gray, 2nd engineer of  
the Benarty, said that on March 20th  
about 7.30 a.m. he went to the stokehold,  
where defendant was on duty. He ordered  
defendant to shut the check valves in  
the boiler fires, but he did not comply  
with the order and witness had to do it  
himself. Witness told defendant to have  
them shut while he returned to the  
engine room. When witness returned to  
the stokehold he found the valves open  
again, and he again ordered defendant  
to shut them. He made no attempt to  
do so and witness again had to do the  
job himself. Witness afterwards return-  
ing to the stokehold, when he found the  
valves were again open. He again order-  
ed defendant to close them, but he did  
not do so, witness having to do it for  
the third time himself.

Defendant said he was told to shut  
the valves for closing the forced draft  
and did so, but the steam went back so  
much that he opened them again. The  
second engineer came back and found  
the valves open and told defendant he  
had disobeyed his order. The second  
engineer told defendant to shut them  
again, and he half shut them. The  
engineer then closed them completely  
and remained in the stokehold until  
defendant finished his duty at 8 a.m.

His Worship sentenced defendant to  
two weeks' imprisonment with hard  
labour and also fined him two days' pay,  
ordering that his maintenance while un-  
dergoing sentence should be defrayed  
from his wages, and that defendant be  
paid off before the Deputy Shipping  
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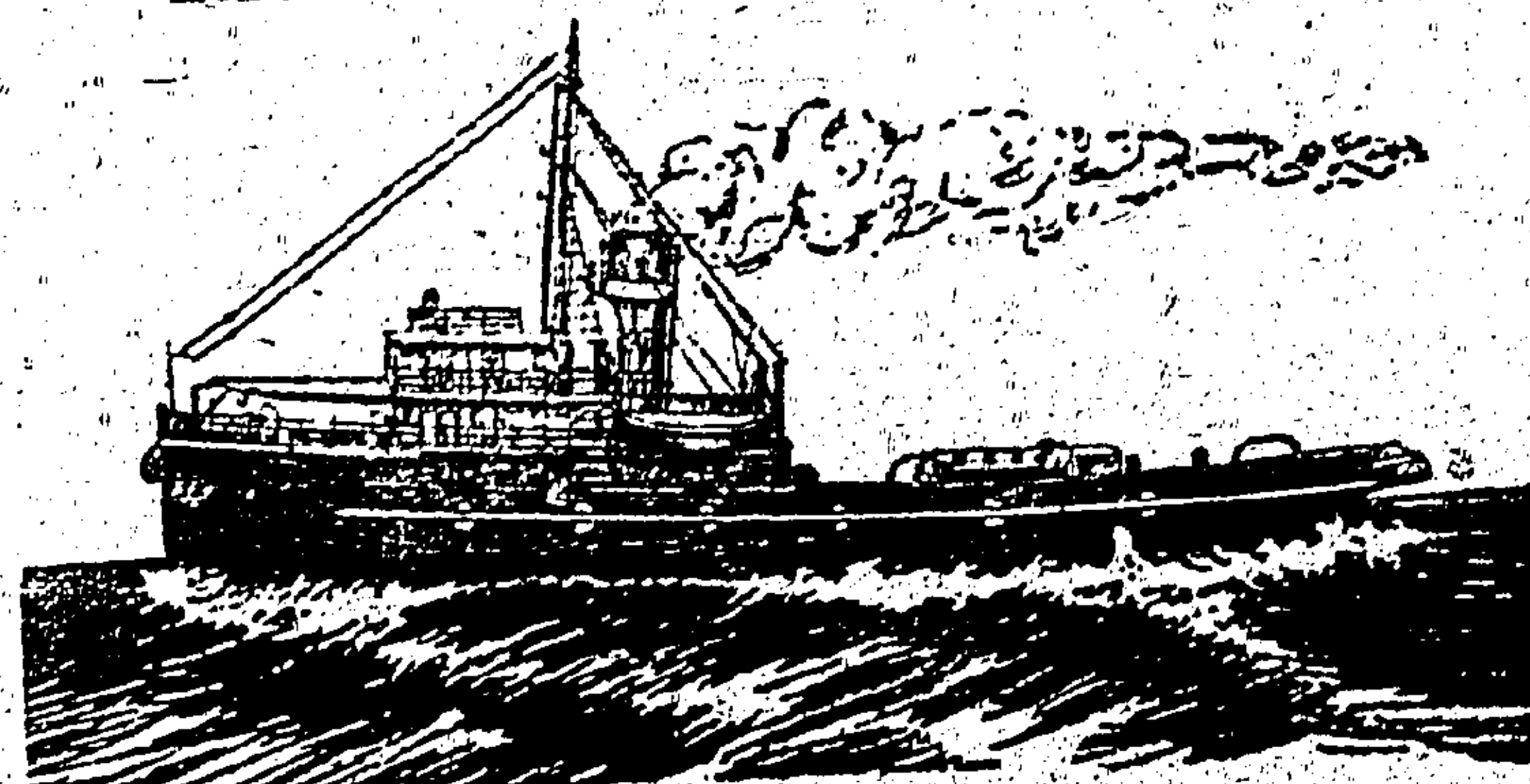
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subject to Rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be  
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18th April 1926 or they will not be recognised.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to  
be left in the Godowns, where they will be  
examined on the 30th instant, at 10 a.m.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.  
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by  
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Agents.

Hongkong, 22nd March, 1926. [3352]

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can be obtained.

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have left the Godowns, and all Goods remain-  
ing undelivered after the 26th March, 1926,  
will be subject to Rent.

All damaged Packages will be examined by  
Messrs. Goddard and Douglas (Marine  
Surveyors) at 10 a.m. on 26th March,  
1926.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.  
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by  
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## SHIPPING NEWS

## ARRIVALS.

March 23rd.

New Mathilde, British str., 846 tons, Capt. E. G. Rapley, from Haiphong and Kwang Chow Wan, with general cargo and coal, lying at buoy No. C44.—Yick Tai S.S. Co.

Tacoma, British str., 4,233 tons, Capt. E. Ashwin, from Los Angeles, lying at Laichikok.—Standard Oil Co.

March 24th.

Derwent, Chinese str., 1,533 tons, Capt. Wm. Brewer, from Foochow and Amoy, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. A3.—Yuen O S.S. Co.

Hoi Nam, Portuguese str., 494 tons, Capt. J. A. de Lemos, from Fort Bayard, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C17.—Kwang O S.S. Co.

Hotan Maru, Japanese str., 2,340 tons, Capt. S. Tabata, from Swatow, with a general cargo, lying at O.S.K. Wharf.—O.S.K.

Maybashi Maru, Japanese str., 4,320 tons, Capt. M. Murakami, from Yokohama and Cebu, lying at buoy No. A3.—N.Y.K.

Sumat, British str., 4,457 tons, Capt. V. Harper, from Fremantle, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf.—Bank Line.

Tjinalak, Dutch str., 2,613 tons, Capt. D. Pals, from Shanghai and Amoy, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. A23.—J.C.J.L.

Fan Overstraten, Dutch str., 2,836 tons, Capt. H. Shinter, from Singapore, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. A3.—J.C.J.L.

Yunnan, British str., 1,906 tons, Capt. T. Johanson, from Saigon, with general cargo and rice, lying at buoy No. B23.—B. & S.

Zosma, Dutch str., 3,333 tons, Capt. R. J. van der Laan, from Shanghai, lying at buoy No. A4.—J.C.J.L.

## CLEARANCES.

March 24th.

Benarty, for Takao.  
Dunro, for Haiphong.  
Hanover, for Manila.  
Japan, for Moji.  
Kata Maru, for Swatow.  
Kueiyang, for Amoy.  
Linan, for Shanghai.  
Maybashi Maru, for Kueiyang.  
Pan Seng, for Kwang Chow Wan.  
Tui Sze Ma, for Kwang Chow Wan.  
Zosma, for Manila.

## WITHIN CALL.

The following vessels were expected to be in wireless communication with Hongkong last night:—Empress of Russia, Fushimi Maru, Changte, Trier, Glenahane, President Madison, Menelaus, Tanga Maru, Seiya Maru, Zosma, Kueiyang, Lee Sang, Japan, Song Do, Tsuruoka, Kitano Maru, Helene, Kueichow, Nishin Maru No. 2, Kwangchow, Sourabaya Maru, Benarty.

## SHIPPING MOVEMENTS.

The Empress of Australia left Vancouver for Hongkong, via Japan ports and Shanghai, on March 20th, and is due here on April 10th.  
The Empress of Asia, from Hongkong, on March 24th, arrived at Vancouver on March 22nd.  
The Empress of Russia left Shanghai on Thursday at 4 p.m., and is due in Hongkong this afternoon. She leaves on Friday at 5 p.m. for Manila, is due at that port on Sunday morning, leaves against the same evening and is due back in Hongkong on the 30th (Tuesday).

## SHIPPING NOTES.

A steam launch and a junk were in collision on Tuesday morning off Green Island, according to a report made to the Harbour Office yesterday, but the damage was insignificant and there were no casualties.

The total number of deck passengers entered for the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday was 1,733, of which the largest entry was 1,217, by the s.s. Tjinalak (Dutch) from Shanghai and Amoy.

## SUNRISE AND SUNSET IN HONGKONG.

FOR MARCH, 1926.

STANDARD TIME OF THE 120TH MERIDIAN, EAST OF GREENWICH.

Date	Sunrise	Sunset
March 25th.....	6.24 a.m.	6.33 p.m.
" 26th.....	6.23 "	6.33 "
" 27th.....	6.22 "	6.37 "
" 28th.....	6.21 "	6.37 "
" 29th.....	6.20 "	6.37 "
" 30th.....	6.19 "	6.33 "
" 31st.....	6.18 "	6.34 "

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## HONGKONG SHIPPING.

Yesterday's shipping statement showed that the number of vessels in the harbour at 9 a.m. was 65, of which 30 were British.

For the twenty-four hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday ten vessels arrived, viz.—six British, one French, two Dutch and one Portuguese. The departures over the same period came to eleven, two for Shanghai, one for Weihaiwei, four for Singapore, one for Hongkong, one for Bangkok and two for Amoy; with three clearances, one for Haiphong, one for Manila and one for Tahiti.

## CARGO ENTERED.

(During 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday.)

For Hongkong ..... 10,035 tons.  
For ports beyond ..... 9,405 "

Total ..... 19,440 "

(During previous 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. on Tuesday.)

For Hongkong ..... 9,046 tons.  
For ports beyond ..... 20,004 "

Total ..... 29,050 "

Of the cargo entered for Hongkong, 3,611 tons were carried in British vessels. Of the six British vessels arriving, all brought cargo for Hongkong, and four of the entries ran into four figures. The largest entry was one of 2,950 tons, the next three being between one and two thousand tons. The remaining vessels only brought comparatively small amounts of cargo.

The arrivals for the twenty-four hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday were as under:—

Phenomena (British) from Saigon with 1,750 tons of rice and mail.

New Mathilde (British) from Haiphong and Kwang Chow Wan with 1,000 tons of coal and 640 tons of general cargo.

Sumat (British) from Bunbury W.A. and Tanyong, Pirok with 450 tons of general cargo and 2,650 tons for ports beyond.

Yunnan (British) from Saigon with 2,250 tons of rice and general cargo; Shantung (British) from Tsingtau and Shanghai with 771 tons of general cargo and mail.

Lingchow (British) from Shanghai and Amoy with 1,750 tons of general cargo and mail.

Hanni (French) from Haiphong and Fort Bayard with 647 tons of general cargo and mail.

Tjinalak (Dutch) from Shanghai and Amoy with 647 tons of cement, mail and 1,155 tons of cement for ports beyond.

Zosma (Dutch) from Kobe and Shanghai with 3,600 tons of beans, oil, mats and general cargo for ports beyond.

Hui Yam (Portuguese) from Fort Bayard with 250 tons of general cargo.

Later arrivals yesterday, too late for entry in the above returns, included:—Macassar Maru (Japanese) from Kanatu with general cargo.

Maybashi Maru (Japanese) from Yokohama and Cebu with a nil entry for Hongkong, but 6,044 tons of sugar and coconuts for ports beyond.

Tacoma (British) from Los Angeles and San Pedro with 9,000 tons of oil in bulk for ports beyond.

Fan Overstraten (Dutch) from Straits with general cargo and mail.

## VESSELS IN DOCK.

The following vessels are in Dock:—Kowloon Dock.—Passet, Tangistan, Spaitan, Siang Wo, Phranang, Haining, Altai Maru.

Tai Koo Dock.—Kinshan, Lake Onawa, Kueiyang.

Cosmopolitan Dock.—Ling Nam, Purpura.

At Kowloon Bay.—Sun On.

At Plover Cove.—Pong Long, Lok Sun.

## HONGKONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

Hongkong Observatory, March 24th.

	Previous Day	On Date	On Date
	at 2 p.m.	at 6 a.m.	at 2 p.m.
Barometer	30.07	30.01	30.07
Temperature	61	60	85
Humidity	71	71	51
Wind Direction	E	ESE	E
Force	3	3	3
Weather	0	OD	0
Rain	0.74	0.00	0.01

Highest open-air Temperature on 23rd ... 60

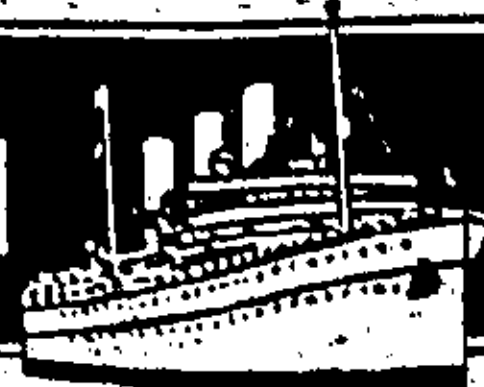
Lowest open-air Temperature on 24th ... 60

## HONGKONG TIDE TABLE.

From March 25th to 31st, 1926.

Days of Week	Days of Month	HIGH WATER.				LOW WATER.			
		H'kong Standard Time	Height	H'kong Standard Time	Height	H'kong Standard Time	Height	H'kong Standard Time	Height
Thur.	25	h. m.	ft. in.	h. m.	ft. in.	h. m.	ft. in.	h. m.	ft. in.
		8 49	4 5	1 41	1 6	8 15	4 5	1 14	1 6
Fri.	26	9 1	4 7	1 18	1 4	9 1	4 7	1 18	1 4
Satur.	27	9 12	4 8	1 23	1 4	9 12	4 8	1 23	1 4
Sun.	28	9 24	4 1	2 17	3 0	9 24	4 1	2 17	3 0
Mon.	29	9 38	4 3	3 38	1 4	9 38	4 3	3 38	1 4
Tues.	30	9 42	4 4	4 4	1 8	9 42	4 4	4 4	1 8
Wed.	31	10 15	4 6	4 8	2 0	10 15	4 6	4 8	2 0
		10 17	4 6	4 42	1 9	10 17	4 6	4 42	1 9
		10 51	6 9	4 45	1 8	10 51	6 9	4 45	1 8

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EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	April 2	April 5	April 8	April 10	April 19
EMPRESS OF AUSTRALIA	April 16	April 19	April 22	April 24	May 5
EMPRESS OF ASIA	April 30	May 3	May 6	May 8	May 17
EMPRESS OF CANADA	May 14	May 17	May 20	May 22	May 31
EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	May 28	May 31	June 3	June 5	June 14
EMPRESS OF AUSTRALIA	June 11	June 14	June 17	June 19	June 30
EMPRESS OF ASIA	June 24	June 27	June 30	July 2	July 13
EMPRESS OF CANADA	July 8	July 11	July 14	July 16	July 25
EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	July 22	July 25	July 28	July 30	Aug. 9
EMPRESS OF AUSTRALIA	Aug. 5	Aug. 8	Aug. 11	Aug. 13	Aug. 23
EMPRESS OF ASIA	Aug. 19	Aug. 22	Aug. 25	Aug. 27	Sept. 6
EMPRESS OF CANADA	Sept. 2	Sept. 5	Sept. 8	Sept. 10	Sept. 20
EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	Sept. 16	Sept. 19	Sept. 22	Sept. 24	Oct. 4

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YOKOHAMA MARU ... Thursday, 15th April

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TOYOOKA MARU ... Monday, 28th Mar.  
YAMAGATA MARU ... Saturday, 10th April

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Trier (N.D.L.), due to-morrow.

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HONGKONG	... "HINSANG"	... Sunday, 28th Mar.	at 7 a.m.
HAIPHONG via HOIHOW	... "HINSANG"	... Tuesday, 30th Mar.	at 10 a.m.
TIENSIN	... "CHEONGSEING"	... Tuesday, 30th Mar.	at 10 a.m.
TIENSIN	... "WAISEING"	... Wednesday, 31st Mar.	at Noon
TSINGTAI via SHANGHAI	... "KWONGSANG"	... Wednesday, 31st Mar.	at Noon
BANGKOK	... "KWAISANG"	... Wednesday, 31st Mar.	at 3 p.m.
SHANGHAI	... "YATSHING"	... Thursday, 1st April	at 7 a.m.
KOBE via AMOY, SHANGHAI & YOKOHAMA	... "KUTSANG"	... Friday, 2nd April	at 7 a.m.
STRAITS & CALCUTTA	... "FOOKSANG"	... Saturday, 3rd April	at 3 p.m.
KOBE	... "YUENSANG"	... Tuesday, 13th April	at Noon
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 s.s. "CITY OF VALENCIA" ... From Hongkong ... 23rd April.  
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 m.v. "ASIATIC PRINCE" ... 3rd July

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 s.s. "OSTERK" ... 17th Apr. "  
 s.s. "OUDERKERK" ... 15th May. "

**ARRIVALS FROM EUROPE:**

s.s. "OSTERK" ... 9th Mar. 1926  
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"MOREA"	10,918	3rd Apr. Noon	Marseilles and London.
"JEYPORE"	5,815	8th Apr.	Singapore, Penang & Bombay.
"LAHORE"	5,815	11th Apr.	Singapore and Bombay.
"DELTA"	8,097	15th Apr.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay.
"DEVANHA"	8,155	17th Apr.	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
"KALYAN"	9,144	20th Apr.	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
"MACEDONIA"	11,089	1st May	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
"KASHGAR"	9,005	15th May	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
"MALWA"	9,041	23rd May	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
"KHYBER"	9,114	12th June	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
"MANTUA"	10,992	28th June	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
"KARMALA"	9,129	10th July	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
"RANPURA"	10,941	24th July	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
"DELTA"	8,097	7th Aug.	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
"MACEDONIA"	11,089	31st Aug.	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
"KALYAN"	9,144	4th Sept.	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
"MALWA"	10,941	18th Sept.	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
"KASHGAR"	9,005	2nd Oct.	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.

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"TILAWA"	10,000	24th April	do.

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"ARAFURA"	6,000	7th Apr.	Manila, Sandakan, Thursday Island, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney, and Melbourne.
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	5th May	
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"JAPAN"	6,052	25th Mar. 8 a.m.	Yokohama (direct), Kobe and Osaka.
"TILAWA"	10,000	31st Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe and Yokohama.
"MACEDONIA"	11,089	2nd Apr.	Moji, Kobe and Yokohama.
"SANTHIA"	7,754	6th Apr.	Kobe.
"PERIM"	7,548	10th Apr.	Shanghai and Kobe.
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	10th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"KASHGAR"	9,005	18th Apr.	do.
"TALMA"	10,000	20th Apr.	Kobe.
"KHYBER"	9,114	30th Apr.	Moji, Kobe and Yokohama.
"TANDA"	6,958	8th May	Shanghai.
"MALWA"	10,941	14th May	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"MANTUA"	10,992	28th May	do.
"PADU"	8,097	30th May	Shanghai and Kobe.
"KARMALA"	9,089	11th June	do.
"DELTA"	8,097	11th June	Moji, Kobe and Yokohama.
"ARAFURA"	6,000	12th June	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"KASHMIR"	8,985	26th June	Shanghai only.
"RANPURA"	10,941	8th July	Shanghai Moji & Kobe.
"MACEDONIA"	11,089	22nd July	do.
"KALYAN"	9,144	6th Aug.	do.
"MALWA"	10,941	19th Aug.	do.
"KASHGAR"	9,005	2nd Sept.	do.
"MOREA"	10,918	16th Sept.	do.

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 \*Passengers for Rangoon must delay their own Hotel expenses at Singapore while awaiting the on-carriage steamer.  
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 Parcels measuring not more than 2 1/2 ft. x 2 ft. x 1 ft. will be received at the Company's Office up to Noon on the day previous to sailing.  
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Round Trip Tickets will be issued from Hongkong to Fochow (Peking Anchorage) and Return by the same Steamer by the "HAIHONG" and "HAIHONG" at the Reduced Rate of \$20.00 including Meals while the Steamer is in Port.

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General Managers.

**CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LIMITED.**

AMOI & SINGAPORE	"KWEIYING"	On 25th Mar.	6 a.m.
SHANGHAI & NEWORHANG	"LANGHONG"	On 26th Mar.	8 a.m.
HAIHONG	"TAMING"	On 26th Mar.	8 a.m.
KINGPO	"KANGHONG"	On 27th Mar.	8 a.m.
SHANGHAI & TSINGTAO	"SHANTUNG"	On 27th Mar.	4 p.m.
MANILA	"YUNNAN"	On 27th Mar.	3 p.m.
AMOI, SINGAPORE & BANGKOK	"KWANGHONG"	On 30th Mar.	6 a.m.
AMOI & SHANGHAI	"SINGHONG"	On 30th Mar.	4 p.m.
SHANGHAI	"BOOHONG"	On 31st Mar.	4 p.m.
SHANGHAI & TSINGTAO	"SECHOWEN"	On 1st Apr.	4 p.m.
BANGKOK	"LUCHOW"	On 2nd Apr.	4 p.m.
WEIHAIWEI, CHEFOO & TIENSIN	"TSAN"	On 5th Apr.	4 p.m.
	"HUICHOW"	On 6th Apr.	4 p.m.

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STEAMER	DATE HONGKONG ON OR ABOUT	SAILING HENCE ON OR ABOUT
TAIPING	17th March	26th March, Noon
CHANGTE	27th March	23rd April
TAIPING	15th May	25th May
CHANGTE	16th June	22nd June

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OUTWARDS FOR SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA, KOBE AND MOJI  
 S.S. "FIUME-L" ... Sails 7th April  
 m.v. "VIMINALE" ... Sails 6th May

**HOMEWARDS FOR BRINDISI, VENICE AND TRIESTE**

S.S. "VENEZIA" ... Sails 29th Mar.  
 S.S. "ROBANDRA" ... Sails 12th April  
 S.S. "FIUME-L" ... Sails 3rd May  
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s.s. "JASON" ... via Suez Canal ... 19th Mar.  
 s.s. "CITY OF RANGOON" ... via Suez Canal ... 27th Mar.  
 s.s. "CALCHAS" ... via Suez Canal ... 9th Apr.  
 s.s. "LANGTON HALL" ... via Suez Canal ... 23rd Apr.

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From	Per	Due
CANADA, U.S.A., JAPAN, SHANGHAI & LONDON via CANADA, 19th Feb. & EUROPE via SIBERIA	Emp. of Russia	26th March
JAPAN	Fushimi Maru	26th March
SHANGHAI	Nippon	26th March
MANILA	Pres. Lincoln	26th March
AUSTRALIA & MANILA	Changli	27th March
EUROPE via NEGAPATAM (Letters only) London, 25th Feb.	Triet	28th March
MANILA via NEGAPATAM (Papers only) 25th Feb.	Pres. Madison	28th March
SUEZ & STRAITS	Glenahara	29th March
SHANGHAI	Menelaus	29th March
MANILA	Andre Lebon	30th March
SUEZ & STRAITS	Emp. of Russia	30th March
JAPAN	Furolia	31st March
U.S.A., CANADA, JAPAN & SHANGHAI	Lein	31st March
SHANGHAI	Pres. Jackson	1st April
SUEZ	Moras	2nd April
SHANGHAI	Troilus	3rd April
SUEZ	Sarpodon	6th April
CANADA, U.S.A., JAPAN & SHANGHAI	Emp. of Australia	10th April

## OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	DATE
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Kotsu Maru	Thursday, 25th, 6.30 A.M.
Swatow & Amoy	Van Overstraten	10.30 A.M.
Shanghai	Liangchow	2.30 P.M.
Straits	Tiklak	3.30 P.M.
Fort Dayard, Hoikow & Haiphong	Hanet	4.00 P.M.
Hoikow and Haiphong	Taming	5.00 P.M.
*Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island—due Thursday 7th April	Taipin	Parcels Reg. Letters 26th 9.45 A.M. 10.30 A.M.
Formosa	Sekow Maru	Friday, 26th, 8.30 A.M.
*Straits & Calcutta	Kumang	Parcels Letters Noon 1.00 P.M.
Manila	Emp. of Russia	2.30 P.M.
Shanghai	Francisco	3.30 P.M.
Batavia, Samarang and Surabaya	Macassar Maru	Reg. Letters 3.45 P.M. 4.30 P.M.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt & EUROPE via SIBERIA (Letters & postcards specially superscribed "Via SIBERIA" only)	Fushimi Maru	4.30 P.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Hai Hong	Saturday, 27th, 11.00 A.M.
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, Canada, U.S.A., C. & S. America, & EUROPE via San Francisco—due San Francisco, 21st April, and EUROPE via SIBERIA (Letters & postcards specially superscribed "Via SIBERIA" only)	Pres. Lincoln	Parcels Reg. Letters Noon 2.45 P.M. 3.30 P.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Hosan Maru	Sunday, 28th, 9.00 A.M.
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. & S. America & EUROPE via Victoria, B.C.—due Victoria, B.C., 17th April, & EUROPE via SIBERIA (Letters & postcards specially superscribed "Via SIBERIA" only)	Pres. Madison	Monday, 29th, Parcels Reg. Letters Noon 2.45 P.M. 3.30 P.M.
Manila	Yunan	1.30 P.M.
Amoy	Kwangchow	5.00 P.M.
Hoikow and Haiphong	Mingang	Tuesday, 30th, 8.30 A.M.
Saigon, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt and EUROPE via SIBERIA—due Marseilles, 30th April	Andre Lebon	Reg. Letters 1.45 P.M. 2.30 P.M.
Amoy	Sinkiang	2.00 P.M.
Shanghai & Japan	Shidzuka Maru	Wednesday, 31st, 9.30 A.M.
Shanghai	Kwangchow	10.30 A.M.
Bangkok	Kwai Sang	1.30 P.M.
Shanghai	Yaching	5.00 P.M.

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## COMMERCIAL

## OPENING QUOTATIONS.

March 24th, 1926.	
ON LONDON.—	
Telegraphic Transfer	4.94
Bank Bills, on demand	4.98 1/16
Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight	—
Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight	2.34
Credits, at 4 months' sight	2.44 1/16
Documentary Bills, 4 months' sight	2.44 1/16
ON HANKOW.—	
Bank Bills, on demand	1.580
Credits, 4 months' sight	1.670
ON NEW YORK.—	
Bank Bills, on demand	53 1/2
Credits, at 30 days' sight	57 1/2
ON BOMBAY.—	
Telegraphic Transfer	159 1/2
Bank Bills, on demand	159 1/2
ON CALCUTTA.—	
Telegraphic Transfer	159 1/2
Bank Bills, on demand	159 1/2
ON SHANGHAI.—	
Bank Bills, at sight	nom.
Private, 30 days' sight	nom.
ON YOKOHAMA.—On demand	123
ON MANILA.—On demand	111 1/2
ON SINGAPORE.—On demand	98
ON BATAVIA.—On demand	138 1/2
ON HONGKONG.—On demand	nom.
ON SINGAPORE.—On demand	91 1/2
SOVEREIGN, Bank's Buying rate	83.49
Gold Lm, 100 fine, per tal	—
BAR SILVER, per oz.	30 1/2

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Authorized Capital .....\$50,000,000  
Issued and Fully Paid-up .....\$50,000,000  
Reserve Funds:—  
Sterling .....\$4,500,000  
Silver .....\$37,000,000  
Reserve Liability of Proprietors .....\$50,000,000

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CURRENT ACCOUNTS opened in LOCAL CURRENCY and FIXED DEPOSITS received for one year or shorter periods in LOCAL CURRENCY and STERLING on terms which will be quoted on application.  
Hongkong, 27th February, 1926. [25]

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Interest on Deposits is calculated on the lowest balance during each completed Calendar Month at 3 per cent. per annum. Should there be no balance on any day in a month no interest will be allowed for that month.  
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For the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,  
A. H. BARLOW, Chief Manager.  
Hongkong, 7th January, 1926. [26]

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CURRENT ACCOUNTS opened and FIXED DEPOSITS received for one year or shorter periods at rates which will be quoted on application.

A. H. FERGUSON, Manager.  
Hongkong, April 15th, 1925. [30]

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Head Office: 98, Boulevard Haussmann, Paris.

Subscribed Capital.....Fr. 75,000,000  
Paid-up Capital.....Fr. 68,400,000  
Reserve Fund.....Fr. 59,067,283.54

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A. LEBOT, Manager.  
Hongkong, 30th March, 1924. [31]

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Head Office:

15, Gracechurch Street, London, E.C. 3.

Authorized Capital .....£3,000,000  
Subscribed Capital .....£1,800,000  
Paid-up Capital .....£1,050,000  
Reserve Fund .....£1,350,000

BANKERS:

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IN LONDON: The National Provincial and Union Bank of England, Ltd.; Comptoir National d'Escompte de Paris; Credit Lyonnais.  
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J. B. ROSS, Acting Manager.  
7, Queen's Road Central, Hongkong, March 18th, 1926. [29]

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HEAD OFFICE: 74, Rue St. Lazare, Paris.

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BANKERS: IN FRANCE: Societe Generale, Banque Nationale de Credit, Banque de Paris et des Pays-Bas.  
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A. BOULIN, Manager.  
Hongkong, 2nd December, 1925.

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